

## **Sermons of Walter Stafford Swetnam, PhD** **(1900 – 2000)**

### Minibiography

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### About this collection of sermons

Walter Stafford Swetnam always preferred to write his sermons on the backs of used envelopes! These sermons presented here represent only a small number of the many sermons he delivered in his lifetime. They are presented in no particular order, most date from 1949 to the mid 1970s.

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MORE GOOD, AND NOT EVIL, THAT YOU MAY LIVE  
...ESTABLISH JUSTICE... IT MAY BE THAT THE  
LORD... WILL BE GRACIOUS... -- AMOS 5:14-15.

INT. - "IF RELIGION IS ANYTHING... GOOD SENSE  
1. AMOS, BOOK OF THE MONTH - ABOUT 750 B.C.  
2. PROBABLY FIRST OF WRITTEN PROPHETIC BOOKS  
3. TIME AND PLACE - ISRAEL, REIGN OF JER. II  
4. TWO YEARS BEFORE THE EARTHQUAKE - ROUGHLY  
5. CONTEMPORARY OF HOSEA; NEITHER MENTIONS OTHER  
6. THE MAN - "A HERDSMAN... SYCARENE BREESES...  
7. 100, PROPHECY TO MY PEOPLE ISRAEL" FROM  
8. TEXAS, IN JUDAH

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4. MANY UNANSWERED QUESTIONS:  
A. WHY ISRAEL? DIDN'T JUDAH NEED THE WORD?  
B. HOW DID A "BOUCE HERDSMAN" HAVE SUCH  
KNOWLEDGE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, ABLE TO  
WRITE SUCH IMPRESSIVE POETRY?

C. HE WAS OPPOSED, THREATENED, BUT SOMEBODY  
COLLECTED AND PRESERVED HIS WRITINGS. WHO?  
II ISRAEL (AND JUDAH) IN VIII CENT. B.C.

- 1. HIGH DEGREE OF PROSPERITY, CULTURE - IVORY  
2. RICH GETTING RICHER, MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS  
3. POOR IN COMMERCE, LENDING MONEY AT HIGH RATES  
4. QUICK TO FORECLOSE ON PROPERTY, GOVT IMPOSING  
5. HIGH TAXES (RICH EXEMPTED) JUDGES HEAVY FINES  
6. INTemperance IN FOOD AND DRINK - LAMBS, FR  
7. FLOCK, CALVES FR STALL, WINE IN BOWLS  
8. SPECIAL MESSAGE TO "HOMES OF BASHAN", WOMEN  
9. CONCERNED ONLY WITH DRINK, LUXURY, DRESS  
10. UNRESTRAINED SEXUAL LICENCE  
11. GREAT ATTENTION TO OUTWARD FORMS OF REL.,  
NONE TO REAL MEANING OF GOD'S COVENANT

7. WHAT A PARALLEL TO AMERICA, WORLD, TODAY!  
II AMOS PREACHED RELIGION THAT MADE SENSE  
1. JUSTICE, KINDNESS, CHASTITY, TEMPERANCE,  
HONESTY, TRUTH....

- 2. SEEK GOD, AND NOT EVIL - TURN TO GOD IN  
OBEEDIENCE, MAYBE NOT TOO LATE  
3. "FOR, GOD WILL SAVE US" - DAY OF THE LORD  
4. DAY OF L. IS WHEN WE ARE CALLED TO ACCOUNT  
5. WHO MADE SENSE THEN, STILL DOES

II AMOS SAYS HIEL OF BETHEL BUILT JERICHOS,  
HE LAID THE FOUNDATION AT THE CORNER OF HIS  
FIRST BORN SON ABIRAM... SECUR, AGO. TO  
WORD OF JOSHUA (5:20)... -- I KINGS 16:34

INT. - 50 YEARS AFTER RECESSION --  
POST-WAR PERIOD -- ACHIEVED STABILITY AND  
PROSPERITY -- **I Kings, Book of Math**  
-- Rom. 2:8

- 1. HIEL OF BETHEL  
2. BETH-EL, A GREAT VISION PERVERSED  
3. ESTABLISHMENT OF ALTAR THERE 1 K 12:29  
4. LATER, AMOS GOING TO S AND TRANSGRESS  
5. PROPHESY TO HIEL - AT B -- BACK TO JUDAH  
6. STILL LATER, ISRAEL CONQUERED, LIONS-  
PRIEST, TO TEACH LAW OF GOD OF LAMB --  
CAME AND DWELT AT B -- FEARED THE LORD AND  
SERVED OTHER GODS II K 17:23

- 5. STILL LATER, JER. 48:13, "THEN HAD  
6. SHALL BE ASHAMED OF CHEMOCH, AS ISRAEL  
7. WAS ASHAMED OF BETH-EL, THEIR CONFIDENCE  
8. NO ACCIDENT THAT A MAN OF B SHOULD BE  
9. THE ONE TO DEFEAT AN ANCIENT PROPHETION  
10. II IN HIS DAYS -- AMOS -- **Targum**

- 1. NATIONAL SECURITY AND POLITICAL EXPRES  
2. PROSPERITY AND SUCCESS -- AND POPULARIT  
3. TIMES WERE CHANGED -- YOU HAVE TO BE  
4. BROUINDEED, BUT OTHER RELIGIONS AND  
5. CUSTOMS, NOT IN EVILNESS, TEMPERANCE, AND  
6. THE MORAL LAW

- II CHRISTIANITY, TOLERANCE  
1. WE LIKE TO BE TOLERANT, WE KNOW GO  
2. MANY NICE PEOPLE NOT ALIENS  
3. GOD MUST BE FIRST I KNOW HIS WILL AND  
4. DO IT, NO MATTER WHAT  
5. PROSPERITY SOFTENS US, WE RELAX OUR  
6. VIGILANCE -- LOOK AT ISRAEL, JUDAH, ROME,  
7. HOW MANY LESSONS DOES IT TAKE?  
8. **Don't the Church bel. tolerance is the**

17. **Heaven thing!** I write into you  
that to sin not. I begin to  
apparent, contradictions in I John  
all have sinned, 1:8, whenever in  
born of God doth not commit in 1:9  
if any man sin... if we confess our sins  
I sin as a sinner in state  
1. Let - want of conf. on transgression  
2. Act of disobedience in state of  
rebellion

The All have sinned - Rom. 3:9-12

3. Then does not sin within?  
So was piece, was rather of which

2. B. you means! the perfect form  
of the letter in the the perfect form  
of the letter in the the perfect form

3. Sin caused X's death - later perfect  
the perfect form in the perfect form  
the perfect form in the perfect form  
the perfect form in the perfect form

1. He is faithful just to  
forgive us our sins, & spare from  
all unbelief, & unbelief, & unbelief  
My not of confession, & unbelief

2. Confession must be sincere.  
We can't go on, trusting in our  
new, highly

# VISION OF GOD

"THEN SHALL THE EYES OF THE BLIND BE OPENED,  
AND THE EARS OF THE DEAF UNSTOPPED."

--ISAIAH 35:5

INT - ISAIAH, BOOK OF THE MONTH - 2ND LARGEST  
BOOK IN BIBLE, 63 PP, OVER 30,000 WORDS -  
39, 27 - COLLECTION OF ORACLES, SOME 1ST PERSON  
ISAIAH, THE MAN - OR MEN

1. ISAIAH, SON OF AMOZ, BEGAN MINISTRY 730BC,  
REIGNS OF JOTHAM, AMAZ AND HEZEKIAH, ca 40 YRS  
2. APPARENTLY "NGOLEMAN", COUNSELOR OF KINGS,  
WHO SOMETIMES HEADED HIS COUNSELS

3. PREACHED BY DEMONSTRATION AS WELL AS WORD  
- NAMES OF SONS, "NAKED AND JAREFOOT 2 YRS"

4. AND A MYSTERIOUS FIGURE, 150 YRS LATER,  
ALSO NAMED ISAIAH? WHO WROTE SOME OF GREATEST  
SCRIPTURE; POETRY; KNOWN TO MAN

1. ISAIAH 1 AND HIS MESSAGE

1. HE LASHED OUT AGAINST EMPTY FORMS OF WORSHIP  
2. HE CALLED FOR JUSTICE AND FAIR TREATMENT  
OF THE POOR

3. HE DEMONSTRATED THE INTemperance, WORSHIP OF  
WEALTH, LUXURY

4. HE WAS MUCH CONCERNED WITH POLITICAL, NATURAL  
LIFE, FOREIGN POLICY

5. HE HAD A VISION OF PEACE, GOOD WILL, COEXISTENCE,  
JUDAH AND ISRAEL, EVEN EGYPT AND ASSYRIA, NO  
MORE WAR FOREVER

6. VISION REACHED STILL FARTHER, GOSPEL PROPHECY  
DID NOT TELL INTIMATE DETAILS OF X, BUT HAD A  
VISION OF GLORIOUS DESTINY OF GOD'S PEOPLE

1. HE DOES NOT MENTION X BY NAME, BUT MUCH  
THAT HE SAID FINDS FULFILLMENT IN HIM

2. X'S MIRACLES OF HEALING - "WORTH WORKS WILL  
YOU DO" - MIRACLES OF MODERN MEDICINE, STILL  
GREAT MIRACLES OF CONCERN FOR SICK, SUFFERING

3. NOT JUST PHYSICAL SIGHT AND HEARING - SOME  
COME TO CHURCH, HEAR MUSIC, WORDS, DON'T HEAR  
4. SOME COME TO COMMUNION, SEE, TASTE, OBEY

RECEIVED GOD - "GOD'S LOVE" - "GOD'S GRACE"

# COMMITMENT TO GOD

HEAR ALL THE PEOPLES WALK, EACH IN THE NAME  
OF ITS GOD, BUT WE WILL WALK IN THE NAME OF  
THE LORD OUR GOD, FOR EVER AND EVER."

1. COMMITMENT MEANS PEACE --MICAH 4:5

INT. - MICAH, BOOK OF MONTH -

1. M. LIVED AT MORESHEETH, NEAR LADISH, SAW  
MANY HORSES AND CHARIOTS, KNEW THEIR FUTILITY

2. SW ORDS, SPEARS...HOOKS - VINE, FIGTREE,  
MORE MAKE AFRAID - NOT A VISION OF MILLENNIUM

3. M. KNEW OF ASSYRIAN THREAT, BUT WAS CONFIDENT  
THAT IF GOD'S PEOPLE WOULD OBEY, THEY

COULD BE SURE OF GOD'S PROTECTION

1. COMMITMENT MEANS JUSTICE

1. M. WAS FURIOUS AS HE SAW EXPLOITATION OF  
POOR, 3:1FF

2. HE DEMONSTRATES GREED, CRAVING FOR LUXURY,  
GRAFT, DISHONESTY - 3:8-12

3. USELESS (THEN OR NOW) TO INVOKE NAME OF  
GOD, WHILE WE FLOUT HIS LAW

1. COMMITMENT MEANS Obedience

1. HIS FINEST WORD, ONE OF FINEST IN BIBLE,  
IN 6:6-9

2. MANY PREACHERS IN OUR DAY STRESS JUSTICE  
BUT FORGET WALK HUMBLY WITH GOD"

3. "TRUST AND OBEY", "I'LL GO WHERE YOU WANT  
4. MESSAGE TO YOUTH (AND AGE) ON BULLETIN,  
FRONT AND BACK

IV MICAH'S MESSIANIC MESSAGE 5:2-4

1. "BETHLEHEM...RULER..." - BEG. SUCCESSION  
SEEMED IMPERIVED?

2. 700 YRS LATER, "WE HAVE SLEW A STAR, WE  
THINK IT MEANS A KING BORN, WHERE DO WE LOOK  
"LOOK AT BETHLEHEM, MICAH SAYS..."

3. BUT ALL THAT MICAH SAYS, FITS, LIKE  
HAND AND GLOVE, "IF ANY MAN WOULD COME AFTER  
ME...TAKE UP HIS CROSS AND FOLLOW ME".

## WHEN WE GIVE

WHEN YOU GIVE...DON'T LET YOUR LEFT HAND KNOW WHAT YOUR RIGHT HAND IS DOING...SECRET... YOUR FATHER SEES....."  
--MATT. 6:3-4

INT. - CHANGE IN DATE OF ENG

I THE OFFERING IS PART OF THE WORSHIP

1. JESUS SPOKE OF GIVING "ALMS", SEPARATE FROM "TITHES", WHICH WERE A SORT OF TAX FOR MAINTENANCE OF WORSHIP (AND GOVERNMENT), BUT PRINCIPLE APPLIES TO ALL OUR GIVING

2. WE GIVE (SEE QUOTE IN BULLETIN) AS ACT OF WORSHIP, TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE AND LOVE, AND TO SERVE GOD THROUGH HIS CHURCH

3. WE GIVE ALSO BECAUSE IT IS GOOD FOR US - REWARD? NOT HEAVENLY CREDIT, BUT HEAVENLY TO YOUR ACCOUNT (PHIL. 4:17) NOT ONLY SUPPLIES WANTS, BUT...THANKSGIVINGS TO GOD (1 COR. 9:12)

"PRAISE OF GOD IN YOU" (1 COR. 9:14)

4. AND WE GIVE, AS WE WELL KNOW, TO MAINTAIN SANCTUARY, "PAY THE PREACHER" - "PAY THE MAN, MAMA, AND LET'S GO HOME"

II LEFT HAND, RIGHT HAND

1. JESUS WARNED AGAINST OSTENTATION - GOD KNOWS WHAT WE GIVE, NOBODY ELSE NEEDS TO KNOW

2. HYPERBOLE - EVEN LEFT HAND DOESN'T KNOW

3. BUT, INEVITABLY, CHURCH TREASURER KNOWS, EVEN IRS IF WE ITEMIZE

4. AND OFFICERS HAVE TO KNOW, TO MAKE BUDGET  
5. AND ESP. IF THIS CHURCH IS TO MAKE COMMITMENT TOWARD MIN. SALARY, NEED TO KNOW HOW MUCH WE PLAN TO GIVE

6. STILL, THE GIFT IS BETWEEN US AND GOD  
II BUT THERE ARE OTHER IMPLICATIONS

1. I KNOW SOME MEMBERS ARE NOT PULLING THEIR WEIGHT, WHY SHOULD I GO ALL OUT?  
2. STORY OF THE WINE BARREL

3. AFTER ALL, GOD DOES KNOW, HOW MUCH WE GIVE

HOW MUCH WE KEEP AND WHAT WE DO WITH IT, WHY  
4. RESPOND TO NEED, OF CHURCH, WORLD, SEC. WE LOVE GOD, WHO HAS GIVEN ALL

## As We Give

The coin in the offering has two sides and so does the giving of the coin. God is not a beggar, standing in rags, with a cup in his trembling hand, asking for our little coins. God does need our gifts, for he works through the service and devotion of his people. The other side of the coin of stewardship is that we need to give. Giving is one of the exercises of the soul. Learn the job of making your gift an offering, gladly and regularly given as a part of worship.

WHAT IS THE POINT?

"You know him, for he dwells with you, and will be in you." -- John 14:17

INT. - Story of little boy (?) bothered by drama in school, asked why he didn't pray, said he thought it would be cheating if where is God, anyway?

1. Titov couldn't see him in outer space  
2. Neither can we, nor see much of space, but what we can see moves us to faith:

a. Diversity and diversity

b. Order and precision, such as man as best can only approximate

3. But why expect him to be there, rather than here?

II Philip, "Show Us the Father"

1. He that hath seen me...

2. God is righteousness, truth, love

3. And especially self-giving love

4. Where is God? Look at the cross  
II I believe with you, and will be in you

1. Little boy could not ask his brother, his father, his teacher, for help - showing

2. But he could ask God, because God is PART OF OURSELF

3. We can no more explain how God can be in us unseen than how he can be unseen in

4. With 1958, saying a word aloud, know he is there with no sound, no sight, nothing perceptible to our five senses

5. How can we know?

1. Faith - not just belief, convincing

2. Proof in experience - build our lives on this trust, and they stand

3. We owe the Conscience

A WORKMAN (NOT ASKED) APPROVED  
HOO: YOUR BEST TO PRESENT YOURSELF TO GOD AS ONE APPROVED, A WORKMAN WHO HAS NO NEED TO BE ASHAMED, RIGHTLY HANDLING THE WORD OF TRUTH.  
--1 Tim. 2:15

INT. - SEMINARY DAY

I ALL XIANS ARE CALLED TO SERVE GOD, SOME IN THE PROFESSIONAL MINISTRY

1. YOUNG MEN GENERALLY, BUT OLDER MEN TOO - JACK SALLISBURY, LESTER HALE, WYTHE PEYTON
2. MEN GENERALLY, BUT WOMEN TOO - SEVEN STUDENTS
3. HOW CAN ONE KNOW HE IS CALLED? SPEER

II A CALL TO A DEDICATED SERVICE

1. SOLDIER, ATHLETE, FARMER - CAN'T DO AS THE PLEASE - "YOU DON'T MAKE NO CROPS THAT WAY"

2. A DISCIPLINED LIFE - CONTROL OF APPETITES, OF TEMPER, OF AMBITIONS

3. A DISCIPLINED MIND - OPEN TO TRUTH, ON GUARD AGAINST DIGRESSIONS - MILLENIALISM, DEMONOLGY, ANGELOLOGY, ASCETICISM - "DISPUTE ABOUT WORDS...GANGRENE"

4. A DILIGENT, SUSTAINED EFFORT - "NOW I SET ME UP TO WORK..."

III THIS CALLING DEMANDS PREPARATION

1. TRUE, WHETHER PROFESSIONAL MINISTRY OR NOT  
2. GOD CAN USE, HAS USED, SOME WITH LIMITED PREPARATION

3. BUT WE NEED THE BEST PREPARATION WE CAN GET  
PRESBYTERIANS STRESS EDUCATED MINISTRY, BUT STILL HAVE "EXTRAORDINARY CLAUSE"

4. NOT SLAVISH DEPENDENCE ON PAST IDEAS, BUT WE NEED TO LEARN TO THINK, TO SEEK AND FIND GUIDANCE OF THE SPIRIT, THROUGH SCRIPTURE AND EXPERIENCE, OF OURSELVES AND OTHERS

5. "COVET EARNESTLY THE BEST GIFTS" - EVERY SKILL, EVERY EXPERIENCE, MAY BE USEFUL

# Matthew 23

Who shall love thy neighbor as thyself?  
--Lev. 19:18

Int. - Leviticus, Book of the Month  
Name derived from Levi - Heb. name? (p. 7)  
I The World's Law Was Good

1. Many think Jesus originated this text
2. Jesus said, "I came not to destroy... easy to say, That's all out of date - when we want an excuse not to keep it"
3. Law restrained passions of men, limiting vengeance and lust
4. Consideration for the poor, the stranger, the underprivileged
5. Love to God, and to neighbor

II The Law Is My Neighbor?

1. Lawyer's question - Parable of S. Sam
2. Not meant to say Sam. was W. to be loved but that despised outcast kept Law better than priest and Levite

3. While preachers argue theology, plain people may be nearer to pleasing God, even sinful people. Sam. not all that good - but "Gosh, that guy's in trouble" Pharisee and publican - Publican WAS a sinner

4. While really devout people shut themselves in walls of sanctity and pride, often ppl making no claim to rel. may be nearer to God's will. (even comes in with program and plans, God cares about PEOPLE)

III Love Your Enemies -- 1919

1. Jesus did go further - much further Love your enemies - ppl with evil intent, carnal, selfish, brutal, cruel - suppose we had what France had in 1940 - suppose 2. But God loves that sort of people

"Or in vain is the not spread in the midst of any bird. But those men lie in wait for their own blood, they set an ambush for their own lives. Such are the ways of all who get gain by violence; it takes away the life of its possessors."

--Prov. 1:17-19

Int. - Sermon abt. gambling - hard to find text - *easy to get hard to help + if you do help*  
I What Is Gambling?

1. "All life a game" - in sense that risk is involved, yes.
2. Farming, business, insurance, prospecting, stock exchange? Not if the aim is to produce real value, or share in inevitable loss, an insurance.

3. The effort to secure wealth easily, by the chance of an uncertain event, without adequate compensation, *with compensation*

II Wherein Is the Sin in Gambling?

1. John, Jesus, apost., nowhere condemn it, the very common - but they cert. did not approve or practice, their teachings went deeper, to fundamental principles.
2. Bingo parties, poker among friends, "just to put spice in the game" - "underworld" (serious space)

3. Effect on society of gambling in the - 8. on high levels the school for that you

4. Covetousness - to the extent that you want to win it is covetousness, and aim they lie to wait for their own blood
1. Text speaks of robbery. W., W., W., W.
2. Text speaks of robbery. W., W., W., W.
3. Text speaks of robbery. W., W., W., W.
4. Text speaks of robbery. W., W., W., W.

"I have earnestly desired to see... w/you" Luke 24:16

Int. - longer material on Jer's message: Synagogue full of hostile ppl, Jesus spoke of "breaking bread", otherwise I for. all

1. A. Communion, NOT a sacrament
2. Early Christians shared bread at services
3. Paul, 1st Cor. 10:16, 17
4. "Give the body of Christ" - not repeat a offering, himself was for all

5. Communion table is not an altar

II A Communion - a Fellowship

1. W. Miles, "Ecumenism is always individual" - a's napper always communal

2. One loaf, one body - communion expresses that of our being one body, helen to make us one body

3. "What before other - NOT the Lord's Supper" - W. Miles, "We're having the body" - (the body is represented - it's so, why not mention that bread - or body existent, the church?)

4. Purpose of communion is to call us to make as one body - if we put each in our way, if we are divided into factions, it defeats this purpose

III Yet the Mosaic Banquet Individually

1. "Ecumenism" - ecumenism not in ourselves, not our achievements, but in our attitude toward creation, toward one another
2. We receive benefit in it - eat bread, wine, in much of sacramental presence, no benefit - sense of sacramental presence, or one so dominated by pride, selfishness, ambition, prejudice, loss of discernment body
3. Ecumenism - not separatist, fear, desire



## CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

WHICH GOD WATH JOINED TOGETHER, LET NOT MAN PUT ASUNDER.

INT - XIAN FAMILY WEEK - GA PASSED AMENDMENTS TO C OF P AND BK OF CH ORDER THAT CONSTITUTES MARRIAGE?

1. REGULATED BY LAWS OF STATE, BASED ON LAW OF GOD - CONDITIONS, OBLIGATIONS, POROGAMY, ETC.

2. WHICH GOD HAS JOINED - DOES IT HAVE TO BE IN A CHURCH? BY A PREACHER?

3. A. NO REC. IN NT THAT APOSTLES OR MEN HAD ANY PART, BUT MAY HAVE.

B. AFTER CONSTANTINE, CHURCH TOOK OVER MARRIAGE

C. CHURCH OF ROME CLAIMS EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS, CALLS IT A SACRAMENT

D. WHICH GOD HAS JOINED - NOT CHURCH

3. IF A JP USES MINIMUM CEREMONY, CAN WE STILL SAY GOD HAS JOINED?

4. IF PARTIES ARE DRUNK, CARELESS?

5. STILL, THE ACCEPTANCE OF MARRIAGE, AND ITS CONSUMMATION, MAKE THEM ONE -

AND REC. GOD HAS MADE THEM AS THEY ARE, IT IS NOT IMPROPER TO SAY, GOD HAS JOINED

11 LET NO MAN PUT ASUNDER

1. NO LONGER TWO, BUT ONE FLESH - THEY ARE HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS UNCHANGEABLY AS RELATION BET. PARENT AND CHILD IS UNCHAN

2. STATE CAN DISOLVE LEGAL BOND

3. DOES ADULTERY DESTROY RELATIONSHIP?

IN ONE ACT? THEN HOW?

POSITION OF CHURCH ON REMARRIAGE

11 LEAVE FATHER AND MOTHER, CLEAVE TO

LOYALTY ABOVE THAT TO PARENTS, JOBS,

AND CUSTOMS...

A. IDEAL OF MARRIAGE

THE CLOAK (OR CASE) THAT I LEFT WITH SAMUEL AT TREAS, BRING WITH THEM, AND THE KEYS, BUT ESPECIALLY THE PAROCHIALS.

-- 11 TIM. 4:13

INT. - US. 1900, READING CONFESSIONS. LE. PARENTS, 1888-1900 - GET LINES, LAST LE. BETWEEN LIVES - PARENTS LAST YEARS

1. RELEASE FR. FIRST IMPRISONMENT

2. JOURNEYS - I LEFT TROPHIMUS AT MILLETS - NOT ON TRIP IN ACTS 20, FOR IN 21:27 I WAS IN DELOS, TITUS IN COLOS, TIM. IN EPH.

3. SECOND IMPRISONING - CEL. FR. WITH OF LION - NO WAY TO BE OFFERING

4. TIM. 2:11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100

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"In the day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die." -- Gen. 2:17

Int. - Genesis, Book of the Month - big book, grand in scope, noble in presentation. Whoever wrote it, a great, inspired book. I The Creation and the Fall

1. Inspired account of creation - telling WHAT happened, not how or when - yet remarkably close to scientific theories

2. Geology, biology? study by all means. Truth can never harm. Evolution? Probably - it doesn't matter. But foolish to reject this book, not about science, but about GOD

3. Account of Fall - account in story form of a real event - not a real talking snake or real garden with God w/kg, but real temptation and real Fall

II Rebellion against God

1. Temptation to "be as gods" - to have freedom by rejecting God's authority - N.H. Juden, "the only T. Satan ever had to use, for it always works".

2. If we rebel ag. him it is to assert SELF - my OWN way - happy at first - Fats. "to this cheers my soul", "Wonderful to be free, do as we please - but nothing to do Eliot, "Horror of efforts jerry to me land"

3. When we reject divine authority, all becomes irrelevant, meaningless - DEATH

III Thou Shalt Surely Die

1. Life without God, without cosmic order to relate one th. to another is death x

2. Milton, "Which way I fly is hell, 3. Donald Adams in NY Times, "At no time in world history is individual so much preoccupied with himself"

Gen. NOT henceforth...

DYING, AND BEHOLD, WE LIVE

"I lay down my life for the sheep... No man taken it from me, I lay it down of myself... I have power to lay it down... take it again."

-- John 10:14-18

Int. - Easter - Spring - Life! But no spring without winter, joy of life by contrast with I Lay Down My Life

1. Touch of Confed. Slor in N. C. - "Lt. of La. Inf. b. d. He laid down his life for a cause he loved."

2. When did he lay it down? When bullet hit him, or when he enlisted?

3. When did Jesus lay it down? He said, "It is finished!" When he set his face...? or when he laid down his hammer and began his ministry?

4. He men taken it from me - it was already given, willingly.

II Power (Showed) to Lay Down... Take again

1. "Lay down" - put - (Tionne)

2. Not to destroy it, not to waste it, but to "put" it where God wanted it

3. Resurrection surprised people at first; but when they thought, they knew it was inevitable - "It was not possible... holden of it"

4. Life is of God; entrusted to him it is not destroyed, but recovered, as have Ephraim

III We Ought to Lay Down Our Lives. J. D. 8.10

1. Not court martyrdom, but commit our lives to God. "I know... what I have com. (M. P. 10.10)"

2. "Always bearing about... the death of Jesus that the life also may be manifested in us"

3. All God asks of us is life - all he offers us is life. We "put" our lives in his hands; they are no longer ours, but his. And he gives us life that death cannot stop.

4. As that saveth his life shall I lose it, but he that loseth... shall win it

Jesus laid down his life for us... To be...

What advantage hath we? When we lay down our lives? Paul's advantage? Victory of white Xianity? Are equal to evolution, but the jump was...

+ A Spiritual Advantage

Material advantages of race, language, nationality, etc.

2. Spiritual advantages of race

3. "Laying down" of life

4. Lay down, take it back, then

5. Lay down progress, the path

6. Lay down to make a better

7. Lay down - a better

8. Lay down our lives, lay down

9. Lay down spiritual life, lay down

10. Lay down life, lay down

11. Lay down life, lay down

12. Lay down life, lay down

"SAUL SAMUEL TOOK A STONE... CALLED ITS NAME EHEM-EZER... INHERITO THE LEAD HAS HELPED US".

INT. - BOOK 40 MONTH - ORDER OF BOOKS IN HEB. OT - MOST PREACHABLE BOOK IN OTW I THE STORY OF SAMUEL

1. A SPIR. GENIUS, COMPARABLE W/ MOZART, MICHELANGELO, EINSTEIN...  
OFTEN CALLED LAST OF JUDGES, FIRST OF PROPHETS

2. HIS MOTHER'S PRAYER, ATTITUDE, SHOW UNUSUAL SPIR. VITALITY FOR THOSE, ANY TIM  
3. NOT ONLY SPIR. PERCEPTION, BUT MORAL SENSE - 15:22, "WHO ONLY IS DEVIL" EQUAL TO AMOS OR ISAIAH  
4. PRACTICAL SENSE, ADMINISTRATIVE SKILL  
5. "KING? YOU DON'T NEED ANY LEADER BUT ME" - GOD SAVED HIM GRACE TO SEE HE WAS WRONG

II THE STORY OF SAUL  
1. DESCENDANT OF THESE INTREPID BENJAMITE ALMOST DESTROYED

2. TRAGIC STORY OF MAN OF GREAT GIFTS, LACKING THE ONE MOST IMPORTANT, WHO SPOKE UNDER STRAIN OF HIS OFFICE

3. WHY WAS HE CHOSEN, THEN REJECTED? HUMANLY SPEAKING, WITHOUT SAUL THERE COULD NOT HAVE BEEN A DAVID

III EHEM - EZER -- "WHERE I'LL RAISE..."

1. NAME PRESERVED, MEANING OFTEN FORGETTS  
2. WHAT GOD HAS DONE IS BASIS OF EXPECTAT  
3. PHILISTINES A GROWING MENACE - GOD HAS HELPED BEFORE, STILL TRUST HIM - NEW GUY!  
4. THEN AND NOW, NEW, UNTRIED WAYS - MEET THEM WITHOUT FEAR, TRUSTING GOD

Mar 2:14 - 14

JESUS SAID, "I TELL YOU, IF THESE WERE SILENT THE STONES WOULD CRY OUT." -- LUKE 19:40

INT. - TRIUMPHAL ENTRY - ALL FOUR - ONLY LUKE TELLS THIS - MATT MENTIONS CHILDREN, MATT AND MARK LEAFY BRANCHES, JOHN PALMS  
I PAULY SUMLEY

1. THE ONLY TIME JESUS APPEARED TO COUNTRY PUBLICITY - AND ALL HE DID WAS RIDE A DONKEY  
2. PEOPLE KNEW OT SCRIPTURES; SOMEBODY THAT OF THIS VERSE FR. ZECCHARIAH - IDEA CAUGHT ON - "THIS MUST BE THE MESSIAH!"

3. CHILDREN, AND CROWN OF CHILDERN  
4. HOSANNA - SAVE NOW!  
5. REL. LORS: "TELL THEM TO SHUT UP! THIS COULD CAUSE TROUBLE! DON'T ROCK THE BOAT!"

6. "IF THESE WERE SILENT, STONES WOULD CRY"  
II FIGURATIVE, OF COURSE - BUT DO STONES CRY?

1. DO EMPTY PENS CRY OUT? ORRERO CRIES?  
2. ARE LOTS OF WORLD CRYING OUT FOR GOD? (NOT DIRECTLY; WHEN HE GO AND SAY, "HE SAVED THEM MAY WELL REPLY, "WHO BE LIKE YOU? NO!" BUT THEY HUNGER TO KNOW LOVE OF GOD  
3. IF WE REMAIN SILENT IN FACE OF UNEQUAL JUSTICE FOR POOR, DO STONES CRY OUT?

4. IF WE FAIL TO PROTEST BRUTALITY IN PRISON IN NAME OF LAW AND ORDER, DO STONES CRY OUT?  
5. IF WE WHO PROTEST SOMETHING... PEACE DO NOT PROTEST SOMETHING...

III AND HE WAS THE MESSIAH!

1. HE WAS THE KING - NOT THE SORT THEY WANTED, RIDING IN CHARIOT, OUT HUMBLE, RIDING ON A DONKEY

2. PEOPLE STILL DON'T WANT THAT SORT, DON'T WANT TO HEAR OF "LOVE YOUR ENEMIES", WE BUILD FANCY CHURCHES, TALK PIOUS, DISREGARD HIM  
3. JESUS WENT OVER JERUSALEM - "IF YOU ONLY KNEW..."

4. THEY HAD TO SHOUT - AND LET US SHOUT, AND SING SONGS OF PRAISE, THIS IS GOOD, AND ONLY KNEW...

IF WE ONLY KNEW...

WHERE IS YOUR GOD?

"(THE ENEMIES) CONTINUALLY SAY TO ME, 'WHERE IS YOUR GOD?'" -- PS. 124:3

INT. - MEMORIAL WINDOW AT CITRONELLE  
1 EN ROUTE TO BABYLON, 586 B.C.

2. DEFEAT ALWAYS BITTER, BUT ESP. HERE, CRUEL, INPLACABLE FOGS, JERUS., TEMPL DESTROYED  
3. STILL MORE B.C. OF HAPPY MEMORIES OF FESTIVE OCCASIONS OF WORSHIP

4. SITTERT OF ALL THE TAUNTS, "WHERE IS YOUR GOD? THESE ARE OUR GODS, THEY BRING US VICTORY, WHERE IS YOUR GOD?"

5. (50 YRS. LATER II ISA. LAUGHED TO SCORN) "GODS THAT HAVE TO BE CARRIED AROUND! OUR GOD CARRIES US; HE'EN DOWN TO OLO JOE..."  
II WHERE IS GOD?

1. RUSSIAN ASTRONAUT DIDN'T SEE HIM

2. "WHEN 'TIS LITTLE JOY... WHEN I WAS A BOY"

3. "COSMOS WIGNED... GOD LOST AMONG STARS"

4. EVEN THE CHURCH IS DIFFERENT - (UNSTY) COVE, 1923 - CHURCH TODAY; WORSHIP QUINT, LOOKS, ATTITUDE - WHERE IS GOD?

5. STILL, PLACE TO FIND HIM IS IN PUBLIC WORSHIP - EROSION OF WORSHIP IN THESE DAYS - BOATS, CAMPING, VISITS, ETC.

III FAITH IS THE VICTORY

1. HOPE IN GOD, I SHALL YET PRAISE HIM

2. FACT THAT PSALM WAS WRITTEN IS PROOF THAT HE DID WIN OUT, THO' PRY NEVER MADE IT BACK TO JERUSALEM

3. IN BABYLON A NEW ORDER OF WORSHIP BUILT INTO BEING - SYRAGOS, MODEL FOR CHURCH

4. HOPE IN GOD, EVEN WHEN ALL SEEMS LOST HOLD TO HIM, LET CHANGES COME, STILL SEEK TO JOIN WITH OTHERS IN WORSHIP OF GOD

2.4



TO THE TIME 17 MAY 1975

as joyfully accepted the plan of saving your property, since you know that you yourselves had a better possession, and we said, "I am one."

-- Jns. 10:10-13

Line - "You can't take it with you."

1. THINGS may be lost, but ourselves remain.

1. Ourselves, enriched by all we have learned.

2. Our learning makes us better, more complete self - esp. learning God's word.

3. Every skill we can acquire - music, speech, swimming, typing, acrobatic dancing.

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FROM THE HOPELESS

"Don't let some... save some by snatching out of fire... on some have mercy on them." -- Jude 22, 23

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The Son of God has Riches to share with you. Conquering and to conquer." - Rev. 6:2

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20. X has conquered the world.

And we, his followers,

are saved, but still being,

saved, are victors (in the

conquering), but still struggling.

1. We have repented, are forgiven,

but we still repent, still,

back to repentance.

2. Rom. 7:23, a law in my mind.

3. 1 Cor. 10:4, we are saved, but still

1. 1 Cor. 2:11, hearts are being saved.

2. 1 Cor. 4:1, denies in you who

3. X is with us in this world.

4. "We're thinking the battle won."

5. "We're saying things down."



"PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM."

--PSALM 122:6

INT. ~ PSS OF ASCENTS - GOING TO JERUS.

I JERUSALEM

1. EVERY COUNTRY MUST HAVE A CAPITAL, EVERY ORGANIZATION CENTRAL HDQ., CHURCH, TOO
2. OT WORSHIP CENTERED IN JERUS, EVEN AFTER REG. OF SYNAGOGS - TRIPS TO JERUS IMPORTANT
3. TEMPLE WAS THERE; IN SPITE OF SUPERSTITIOUS VENERATION (JER.), COMMERCIALIZM, MATERIALISM (WHAT STONES, BLDGS) STILL THERE HAD TO BE A CENTER, AND IT WAS A BLESSING - *Midway, Rome*
4. "BLESSED...DWELL IN THY HOUSE" THOSE WHO LIVE IN JERUS; THOSE WHO CAME RARELY - THESE PSS REFLECT THIS. "I WAS GLAD..."

II PEACE - *Not Much in Jerusalem*

1. THESE PSS WRITTEN AFTER EXILE; PRB. 300-100 BC - PEACEFUL TIME? ALEX, PTOL, ANTIOCHUS
2. MACCABEAN REVOLT, HERODISM, SUCCESS, AFTERWARD JONATHAN, SIMON, JOHN, ALEX, STRUGGLING FOR POWER, FINALLY CALLED ROME

3. PHARISEES, SADUCEES, CONTENDING FOR RIGHT AS THEY SAW IT - HAD DULIN *in Jerusalem*

4. BUT IN SPITE OF ALL, JERUS STILL A PLACE WHERE GOD'S PEOPLE GATHERED, WORSHIPED, FELT GOD'S PRESENCE - BLESSED PLACE TO THEM - PRAY

III JERUSALEM TODAY - THE CHURCH

1. ACTUAL JERUSALEM - OUR HEARTS BLEED FOR WHOLE MID-EAST SITUATION, PRAY FOR PEACE!
2. THE CHURCH - TORN AND DIVIDED, THREATENED WITH MORE DIVISION - MANY PEOPLE, ESP. YOUTH "TURNED OFF" BY CHURCH'S PREOCCUPATION WITH MONEY, PRESTIGE, INDIFFERENCE TO HUMAN NEEDS - YOUTH AT CHICAGO ASSEMBLY *Protesters*
3. IS IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE PEACE IN CHURCH, MADE OF PEOPLE - SELFISH, CRUEL, AMBITIOUS?
4. YET STILL BODY OF X, ONLY RESCUE, HOPE
5. WE CAN'T SOLVE ALL THE PROBLEMS; WE CAN PRAY FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM!

*see who still saved church, must ch*

A KINGDOM THAT CANNOT BE SHAKEN  
THEREFORE, (SINCE EARLY THINGS HAVE BEEN SHAKEN TO REVEAL WHAT IS SECURE), WE CAN BE GRATEFUL FOR RECEIVING A KINGDOM THAT CANNOT BE SHAKEN, AND LET US OFFER TO GOD ACCEPTABLE WORSHIP WITH REVERENCE AND AWE. 11:28

INT. - REFORMATION DAY - "A MIGHTY GOTTESSE I EARTHLY THINGS ARE BEING SHAKEN"

1. 70 A. D. - JERUS. THREATENED OR DESTROYED TEMPLE, FEASTS, SACRIFICES, NO MORE - WHAT WAS TO HAPPEN TO THEM?

2. 1517 AND AFTER - THE SAFE, COMFORTABLE, DEPENDABLE CHURCH (LEAVE RELIGION TO PRIESTS; THEY'LL TAKE CARE OF EVERYTHING - YOU CAN BUY AN INDULGENCE, DO WHAT YOU PLEASE) ALL IN TURMOIL, PREACHERS PREACHING STRANGE DOCTRINES URGING NEW RESPONSIBILITIES ON PEOPLE

3. NOW IN OUR DAY - MONTREAT CONFERENCES, EASTER, TRINITY GARDENS, BLACK MANIFESTO - HUMANITY SAYING, "I'LL QUIT, - CONTRIBUTING NOT ONLY PRESBYTERIANS, R. C.'S, EVEN BAPTIST

II REMOVAL OF WHAT CAN BE SHAKEN... REMAIN

1. JERUSALEM, SELFISH, CROOKED POLITICIANS CONFIDED THAT GOD WOULD NOT LET HIS CITY BE DESTROYED - HES. XIANS IN DESPAIR

2. AT REFORMATION - TERRIBLE, TEMPERAMENTAL TIME, MANY COMBINED POLITICAL REVOLUTION WITH THEOLOGICAL REV., CRUELTY, BITTERNESS, INTOLERANCE - SHAKING OUT TEMPORARY THINGS

3. NOW TOO - VATICAN II WAS INEVITABLE - CHURCH COULD NOT GO ON ANSWERING QUESTIONS GODDY WAS ASKING, PREACHING GLIBLY OF SALV., BUT WORSHIPING PROPERTY, DISREGARDING PEOPLE

III A KINGDOM THAT CANNOT BE SHAKEN

1. "LET GOODS AND KINDRED GO...GOD'S TRUTH ASIDE" STILL...
2. WHAT IS LEFT OF CHURCH IN CHINA ONLY WHAT COULD NOT BE SHAKEN - WHAT WILL BE LEFT HERE?
3. IF PEOPLE STOP CONTRIBUTING - (IF THEY THOUGHT THEY WERE BUYING GOD'S FAVOR, NIGHT AS WELL AS DAY, TIMES IN STORE, WE DON'T HAVE TO FEAR 4. OFFER ACCEPTABLE WORSHIP, REV., AND AWE

"BELIEVED, NOW ARE WE SONS OF GOD; AND  
... WHAT WE SHALL BE... LIKE HIM, FOR  
WE SHALL SEE HIM AS HE IS."

-- 1 JOHN 3:2

INT. - "...CALLED SONS OF GOD" - "COME  
TH, YOU DON'T CALL ANYONE, EVEN THO THOU  
I NOW WE ARE SONS OF GOD"

1. NEW YEARS MAKES US CONSCIOUS OF NOW,  
AND THOUGHTFUL OF FUTURE
2. "IT DOH NOT YET APPEAR..."
3. WHAT CAN HAPPEN TO US IN THE FUTURE  
TO MAKE US LEAST - "WHO SHALL SEPARATE  
WALL SHALL BE BELL WITH MEN."
4. WHAT CAN HAPPEN TO MAKE US GREATER?  
IF WE SHALL BE LIKE HIM

1. WE ARE ALREADY LIKE HIM - "...THE  
SAME LIFE THAT WAS INCARNATE IN JESUS  
IS IN US"

2. "BEHOLDING AS IN A MIRROR..."  
"MIRROR, MIRROR, ON THE WALL"  
SUPPOSE WE HAD A MAGIC MIRROR THAT  
SHOWED WHAT WE ARE, ACTUALLY; AND  
POTENTIALLY - AND EVEN WE HAVE  
3. CHANGED INTO HIS LIKENESS, FROM  
GLORY INTO GLORY

III WE SHALL SEE HIM AS HE IS  
1. WHEN HE SHALL APPEAR, BUT V. 2:26  
2. VISIONS CIRCLE (EX. HALL, HAT) -  
GLORIOUS CIRCLE: THE MORE WE SEE  
HIM, THE MORE LIKE HIM HE BECOMES;  
THE MORE LIKE HIM, THE MORE WE ARE  
ABLE TO SEE HIM. GLORY INTO GLORY

3. IN COMMUNION WE SEE HIM GIVING HIS  
LIFE - "AND ARE MADE LIKE HIM IN THIS  
... FOLLOWING DEG. TO BE AFFRASH -  
... NOT YET APPEAR, BUT - FORWARD  
WITH CHRIST"

"REND YOUR HEARTS, NOT YOUR GARMENTS."

-- JOEL 2:13

INT. - JOEL, BOOK OF THE MONTH  
I A FAST, A SOLEMN ASSEMBLY

1. OCCASION, A PLAGUE OF LOCUSTS
2. J. DOESN'T GO INTO DETAIL ABOUT SINS,  
BUT KNEW THEY NEEDED TO REPENT
3. ISAIAH, "I HATE, I DESPISE, YOUR SOLEMN  
ASSEMBLIES...SACRIFICES..." INDEED, OFTEN A  
MERE FORMALITY, MAKE SOME PIOUS STATEMENTS,  
PAT OURSELVES ON THE BACK
4. BUT HOW ELSE COULD WE CALL THE PEOPLE  
TO REPENTANCE? PROCLAIM A FAST, CALL A  
SOLEMN ASSEMBLY, AND LET IT BE REAL REPENTING,  
NOT JUST A FORMALITY!

II REND YOUR HEARTS, NOT YOUR GARMENTS!  
1. RENDING CLOTHES, PUTTING ON SACKCLOTH,  
ASHES, SIGNS OF MOURNING, REPENTANCE.

2. JOEL, "NOT YOUR CLOTHES, YOUR HEARTS!"
3. CALL TO REPENTANCE AND EXPECTANCY
4. OUR NATION NEEDS TO REPENT OF:  
LAWLESSNESS AND VIOLENCE  
INTemperance AND IMMORALITY  
VICE AND CRIME  
EXPLOITATION OF POOR  
WORSHIP OF LUXURY -- WAR

5. OUR CHURCH NEEDS TO REPENT OF: (STUDY  
INDIFFERENCE TO WORSHIP, LAZINESS TO  
UNCONCERN WITH PEOPLE  
6. WE REAPER FRUITS IN EVANGELISM AND SERVICE

- III COME AND LEAVE A BLESSING
1. THEY PRAYED, GOD HEALED THE LAND
2. BUT JOEL LOOKED FARTHER - "YOUR OUT MY  
SPIRIT ON ALL FLESH!"
3. PETER ON DAY OF PENTECOST
4. PRAY NOW, NOT ONLY TO HEAL LAND, BUT TO

## THE GOD OF REDEMPTION

"I am the Lord thy God, who art, these out  
of the land of Egypt, ..house of bondage."

-- Ex. 20:2

INT. - Exodus, Book of the Month  
The Making of a People

1. One man, one family, 12 fam. 12 tribes
2. Into Egypt, by divine providence, thru  
experiences of Joseph

3. Security, opport. to grow into a people  
4. Isolation, to preserve racial purity  
(Purity, not exclusivism - Joseph married  
an Egyptian, Moses an Ethiopian - slaves  
bought were to be circumcised, included)  
If the giving of the Law <sup>suffering, deliver</sup>

1. "The Law came thro Moses" - Tr. Exper.
2. Struggle with himself, with Pharaoh,  
with desert, w. recalcitrant people -- It  
took all these to bring it out
3. If, as in movies, the Law had come by  
lightning & ashes as rock (childish con-  
much less profound when from soul of God  
into the soul of Moses

## III The God of Redemption

1. "God heard their groaning" - When we  
make enough fuss, and bother him, then he  
does something about it - Is that it?
2. God was always conscious of his people  
- of their suffering, ignorance, blindness  
willfulness - and of his purpose for them
3. They didn't wait to be redeemed - "Let  
us alone, to serve the Egyptians"
4. Even now, Mary say, leave them alone,  
they don't want to be helped"
5. But God, in mercy and grace, does not  
gordon up when we are lazy, stubborn



where left there be among you... one who, when he hears the words of this story covenant, BLESSES HIMSELF in his heart, and says, 'I shall be safe, tho I walk in the stubbornness of my heart.'

-- Jude, 28:19

Int. - Deut, Ek. of Month - 2nd law Rally Day at the Jordan

1. Step and think what it means all you have seen and experienced it means that The Lord is GOD
2. A new acceptance of him
3. A sworn covenant
4. Someone may think, I can have the benefits, dodge the obligations - it doesn't meet ME!

II Rally Day, 1961

1. Still God's covenant - X has given himself for us, we have accepted, pledged ourselves to be his
2. Rally Day we renew that promise
3. But maybe somebody thinks, 'It doesn't mean ME. I can take the blessings, skip the obligation.'

III Does Xian Education Mean ME?

1. What does it mean, anyway? Just S.S. something for and/or on? (for the birds?)
2. The whole program of the church - S.S., Women, Men, Youth, Prayer Mtg., Montreat, Mc-Rauch, Silliman, Pioneer can M.M. workshop, Evangelism Conf., etc.
3. No individual participates in all phases
4. Everyone committed to whole program

"Content for the faith..."

-- Jude 3

Int. - Jude, Book of Month - "Bro. of James" - I've been wanting to write, now I MUST write

I The Problem of the Church - evil people in it

1. "I can deal with my enemies... friends"
2. Evil people outside, church can disregard, even persecution it can endure; like underground work, real problem is these INSIDE on whom you can't count
3. Jude says terrible th. abt them; were they really worse than at other times?

II Part of the Problem, or part of Answer

1. Examine yourselves
2. Members who neglect the church, take little or no part in its program
3. Members guilty of intemperance, immorality, unworthy speech and behavior
4. Mbrs who practice selfishness (v.12) instead of love
5. Members who don't pull their weight

III The Answer - How to Content

1. FOR the Faith, not against the evil
2. NOT by divisions (v.19) either putting people out, or the good pulling out
3. BUILD YOURSELVES UP (cf. I cor. 8:1)

- a. Pray in the Spirit
- b. Keep yourselves in the love of God
- c. Await, expect, receive the mercy of God for yourselves

## JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

"THEN I SAID, WHAT ARE THESE TWO OLIVE TREES?"... THESE ARE THE TWO ANOINTED... 11

-- ZECHARIAH 4:11-14

INT. - ZECHARIAH, Book OF THE MONTH  
I ZECHARIAH THE PROPHET

1. CONTEMPORARY OF HAGGAI; c. 520 B. C.
2. MESSAGE SAME AS HAGGAI, NAMELY, CHALLENGE TO LEADERS AND PEOPLE TO BE LOYAL TO GOD IN A DIFFICULT TIME

*Phy two books*

3. 14 CHAPTERS; PART PROSE, PART POETRY, MANY OUTSTANDING PASSAGES, OFTEN QUOTED

- A. 4:5 NOT BY MIGHT... POWER... MY SPIRIT
- B. 4:10... DESPISE DAY OF SMALL THINGS
- C. 8:4-5... OLD MEN... WOMEN... STREETS FULL OF BOYS AND GIRLS PLAYING...

4. 8:20 MANY PEOPLES COME... TO SEE THE L.

E. 9:12 PRISONERS OF HOPE

F. 14:7 EVENING TIME IT SHALL BE LIGHT

G. 9:9 KING COMETH... RIDING ON AN ASS

I APOCALYPTIC LITERATURE

1. OT EZEK (PART) DANIEL, ZECHARIAH

2. REAL MESSAGE HIDDEN IN CRYPTIC LANGUAGE, COMPREHENSIBLE TO THOSE TO WHOM ADDRESSED

EX. "TWO ANOINTED" APP. ZARUBABEL & JOSHUA

3. SOME THINGS DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND NOW

4. REV. IN NT CRTLY DEPENDENT ON OT APOCAL.

III FUNCTION OF PROPHECY

1. JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES - LARGELY BASED ON THIS PASSAGE AND REV. 11:4 - FALSE IDEA OF MEANING OF PROPHECY

2. ALL PLAN FOR FUTURE REVEALED IN PROPHECY IF WE CAN JUST FIND KEY - SINGLE ALIF... CLUE

3. PROPHETS COULD STIMULATE FUTURE DIRECTION IF WH GOD'S PURPOSE MOVING, RARELY GRASP SIGNIFIC DETAILS (AS ASS, JER.'S 70 YRS) OFTEN PRED. CONSEQ. OF SIN, JUDGM. OF GOD, ALWAYS MAKE KNOWN GOD'S WILL FOR HIS PEOPLE

4. NOT FOR YOU TO KNOW TIMES AND SEASONS (NOT IMP TO KNOW WHAT THOSE WITNESSES WERE IMP TO KNOW THAT) YOU SHALL BE WITNESSES... TIME OF ALEXANDER, OF MACCABEES...



# 5 A C P L I C A T I O N

"Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling: for God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure."

-- Phil. 2:12-13

Int. - "The sanctifying power got into the Jordanian, and ate up all the jam."

I A Work, not an Act - Act. 1:5

1. Justification is an act, that makes us legally innocent - immediately
2. Adoption is an act, that makes us legally sons of God - immediately
3. Sanctification is a work, a gradual process making us holy - making us like God, making us sons of God in nature. When we are justified we are still sinful in nature, must be changed gradually
4. Many saints miss the point, expect immediate transformation into holiness, sinlessness

II A Work in which we have Part

1. Work out...bec. God is working in you - if he were not working in us, we would not even WANT to do it.
2. But we have to do it -

- a. Striving against sin
- b. Perseverance in good works
- c. Consciousness of being part of God's body

III The Discipline of God - my duty to myself

1. Not only what God does IN us, but...TO us
2. - discipline in family - not just punishment for wrong doing, but example, attitude, encouragement, consciousness and consciousness, to bring child to family ideals - if she was scary, it'd be the 1880s. Marcell I ever know
3. So God brings to bear on us: trials, privations, influences, opportunities, etc., ALL to teach, train, discipline, shape his holy
4. And this lasts as long as life - in heaven

## THE PREACHING OF CHRIST

"Faith comes by what is heard, and what is heard comes by the preaching (5:14a) of Christ"

-- Rom. 10:17

Int. - Reformation Sunday - Mighty Fortress

I The Fidelity of Preaching

1. **Roma**, spoken message, **Know** what, is proof

2. Ritschl, THEOLOGY OF PROCLAMATION:

God the Father, expressed in Creation

God the Son " Revelation

God the Spirit

3. Public proclamation brings the word to life

"The Spirit breathes upon the word" Jesus said

He (the Spirit) shall...bring all th. to your

remembrance, but it was when Peter proclaimed

the word that the Spirit made people perceive.

4. By what is heard - when we hear together,

the Spirit acts in a special way.

5. Not just the sermon - Bible study, too

II The Reformation and the Word

1. Reformers emphasized the WORD & SACRAMENTS

2. In dark ages, word neglected, sacraments

became corrupted, little better than magic

3. Reformation restored the WORD to right pl.

4. Not just a magical book, but message in w

5. All parts of our worship important - hymns

reading, prayer, sacraments - but in Reformed

faith we give prominent place to sermon, as th

PREACHING OF CHRIST - 5:19-20, **Proclamation**

III The Preaching of Christ

1. All preaching is, or should be, pr. of X

-- maybe from OT - e.g., Amos; but Amos can

be understood only in light of X, as revealing

message of God who is revealed in X

2. God, in, creation is same God revealed in X

-- therefore creation has meaning, grace

3. We may preach on human duty, responsible

but it is such in view of redemption of X

4. A great message, grt. privilege to preach

Why should anybody choose such work, with all

its headaches? "Don't be a preacher if you

## LONGING FOR GOD

"WAS THE HART PANTETH..... SO PANTETH MY SOUL AFTER THEE, O GOD." -- Ps. 42:1

Int. - Text in the window - Ps. 42-43

I A Cry of Longing of one who, already knows God, but is separated from him

1. Not of a soul seeking for God, but of

one who loves him, longs for him

2. One who remembered joyful ex. of worship

3. Jordan...hermon...Mizar - "DEEP...DEEP"

bitterness of defeat made what should have

been thrilling scenery / peckery

4. Where is your God? He couldn't save you.

Look, here's our God, he gives us victory!

Where is your God?

II Separation from God

1. How does that touch us? We are safe

here, in God's house.

2. Thank God for this, and all like exper-

iences - held to them if you can!

3. But sins we are separated -

- by circumstances - distance, illness

- by our own carelessness and neglect -

we may throw away this precious thing - my

parents made me go to church, now no more!

- Y.P. at college - friends don't go to

church, why bother? Sleep late Sunday -

good times, social success, getting on,

these are things that matter - why bother

about God?

4. Sometimes it is only when we have thrown

it away, lost habit, lost touch, that we

long for things to be as they were

III Hope in God

1. Psalmist pre. that only in Jesus

could be real worship, hoped to go back -

not some fake from back then - can still

III PRESS ON TO MAKE IT MY OWN, BECAUSE X  
JESUS HAS MADE ME HIS OWN." - PHIL. 3:12

INT. FIVE PRISON LETTERS - EPH., COL., PHIL.  
PHILIPPIANS, II TIMOTHY - HE EXPECTED TO BE  
RELEASED; 1:25, 26, APPARENTLY WAS.

I PHILIPPIANS, BOOK OF THE MONTH - THEMES

1. "THINGS THAT HAPPENED TO ME..." 1:12FF
2. "LET THIS MIND... X JESUS" 2:5FF
3. "BE OF THE SAME MIND" 2:14, 4:2
4. "REJOICE IN THE LORD" 1:19, 4:4
5. "WHATEVER IS TRUE..." 4:8FF
6. "CONTENTMENT" 4:11

II MAKE WHAT MY OWN?  
1. KNOWING X - IT SOUNDS SO SIMPLE. "DO YOU  
ACCEPT JESUS CHRIST AS YOUR SAVIOR?" "SURE"  
PAUL SHOWS US IT REALLY MEANS A WHOLE LOT  
MORE THAN WE GENERALLY THINK

2. "BEE FOUND IN HIM... RIGHTEOUSNESS... FAITH"  
"I'M A PRETTY GOOD GUY, I DON'T GET DRUNK  
AND BEAT MY WIFE, I DON'T STEAL, OR COMMIT  
OPEN SCANDAL, ETC." "THE THINGS THAT WERE  
GAIN I COUNTED LOSS" PAUL SAYS THE ONLY  
GROUND OF OUR HOPE MUST BE THAT WE TRUST X  
3. "SHARE HIS SUFFERINGS, BE LIKE HIM IN  
HIS DEATH" DID HE WANT TO BE CRUCIFIED? NO,  
BUT HE WANTED TO PERCEIVE, THRU HIS OWN  
SUFFERINGS, WHAT SUFFERING OF X MEANT  
4. "ISN'T THAT WHY WE HAVE HOLY WEEK? COMMON  
- TO REMIND US, LEST WE STOP TRYING TO GRASP  
5. ATTAIN TO RES. FR. DEAD - WAS PAUL UNSURE  
OF RES? 1:21FF DOESN'T SOUND LIKE IT. BUT  
HE TELLS US THIS MEANS MUCH MORE THAN WE  
HAVE EVER IMAGINED

III 6. "I HAVEN'T MADE IT MY OWN; BUT I  
III PRESS ON... BEC. X HAS MADE ME HIS OWN  
1. IN OUR SHALLOW THINKING, WE SING SAY,  
"I'M SAVED, NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT."  
2. PAUL SAYS, "HE HAS SEIZED ME, THEREFORE  
I AM PRESSING ON TO MAKE THIS FULL REALITY  
3. THIS IS ATTITUDE OF MATURE X'IAN, BUT IF  
YOU HAVEN'T GOT THAT FAR, KEEP WALKING BY  
WHAT YOU HAVE GOT - *childish, in the way*

### THOSE WHO LOVE GOD

"What no eye hath seen... God had prepared  
for those who love him" I Cor. 13:19 - "If  
any man thinks he knows anything... but if  
a man love God, he is known of him" 1 Jo. 4:2  
"In all th. God works for good to those  
who love him" - Rom. 8:28

Int. - Last text gen. reversed in timing  
I God Demands the Love of His People

1. Jesus, the First and Great Commandment
2. This makes the Jesus-Klan real. Actually,  
different from all other concepts of God  
- others feared their gods, or sought to  
placate or control them; God demands love,  
not merely fear, not merely obedience
3. But love results in obedience - in it  
we love is a response to God

II Love is a Response to God  
1. It can't be compelled, nor simply  
resolved - it must be a response to love -  
2. Obedience may be a means to love -  
we've learned not to work... love it"

3. And if love is truly perceived, it is  
irresistible - some parents love John,  
get no response, often bec. children are  
to grow up in selfishness, cannot perceive  
love, thus bec. parental love is so self-  
ish and possessive, not real love

4. "Irresistible grace" - when, thro  
circumstances, hearing, influences, and  
action of spirit, we really perceive love  
of God, we cannot resist it, MUST LOVE  
III We Do Not Get a Reward for Loving God  
1. "We have not seen, X" God does have  
a plan. In store for us, but love that can  
be bought is not love. Learning to knowledg

"THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH" - HAB. 2:4

INT - HABAKKUK, BOOK OF THE MONTH

I HABAKKUK, PROPHET OF FAITH

1. ALL PROPHETS HAD FAITH, H. EMPHASIZES
2. OUTSTANDING FOR NUMBER OF GREAT EXTS:  
A. 1:13 "THOU ART OF PURER EYES..."  
B. 2:2-3 "HE MAY RUN WHO READS"  
C. 2:14 "EARTH SHALL BE FULL... SEAN" OF.

ISA. XXX 11:9

- D. 2:20 "THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE"
- E. 3:2 "IN WRATH REMEMBER MERCY"
- F. 3:17FF "THO THE FIG TREE DO NOT SUDN  
ALL THESE BESIDES OUR TEXT

II FAITH

1. FR. ROOT ~~THAN~~ AMEN - ACCEPTANCE OF  
GOD'S WILL

2. OUR TEXT IN NT

- A. ROM. 1:17 - RIGHTEOUSNESS PROCEEDING  
FROM FAITH, RESULTING IN FAITH
- B. GAL. 3:11 - JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH
- C. HEB. 10:38-9 R. BY FAITH BASIS OF XIAN  
EFFORT AND ENDURANCE

3. REDISCOVERY IN REFORMATION

III RIGHTEOUSNESS BY FAITH *of Faithful*

1. FAITH NOT SUBSTITUTE FOR R.; MEANS OF
2. FAITH IS TRUSTING THAT WHAT GOD DOES  
IS RIGHT - DIFFICULT FOR HAB., CHALDEANS  
VICTORIOUS, THO SINFUL

3. FAITH IS BEL. THAT GOD'S LAW IS RIGHT  
MAKING FAITHFUL EFFORT TO KEEP IT

4. FAITH IS BEL. THAT GOD'S WILL IS RIGHT  
THAT GOD IS GOD, PURPOSE TO SUBMIT TO HIM

IV RIGHTEOUS SHALL LIVE BY FAITH *of Faithful*

5. FOR HAB., SURVIVE IN COMING DESTR.  
F. RAINED EXILES





# AND FAITH IS TO HAVE

"And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever." - 11 Sam. 7:16

Int - 11 Samuel, Book of the Kings

1. Monarchy in Israel - Qualifications for King David possessed in exceeding measure - also steadfastness, poetry, music, agr. perception
2. Acceptance by the people
3. Divine approval, witnessed by prophet
4. One did not become king simply by force (after division, Israel, lacking this tradition open to revolutionary violence)

## II Establishment of a Dynasty

1. In other countries, king's son normally succeeded
2. In Israel, before Solomon, this principle not accepted - division bet. sons rejected
3. Divine approval awarded one step further
4. "I will build you a house"
5. Your son... if he sin, punish, but not take my steadfast love from him."
6. Isa. 55:3 - "An everlasting covenant, over the sure mercies of David"

III Could Such a Promise Fail?

1. Sometimes looked like it might - Meseklah, Assyria ready to devour, leath without issue
2. Isaiah said, "No, Assyria can't take city; God has promised." Miraculous deliverance
3. Then people said, "No matter what we do, God has to save us, he promised."
4. Isaiah, Jeremiah said, "God's promise will be kept; but Jerusalem may be destroyed, Israel scattered. In a purified people God will keep his promise still."
5. Gradually emerged Messianic hope
6. Jesus Christ, of the lineage of David, our King and Savior for ever.

IV WHAT DOES THIS SAY ABOUT NATIONAL TESTING?

1. WE ARE GOD'S PPL - "We are a chosen people"
2. IF WE DISOBEY, WE WILL BE DESTROYED

## XIAN BEHAVIOR IN RACE RELATIONS

HONOR ALL MEN, LOVE THE BROTHERHOOD, FEAR GOD, HONOR THE EMPEROR. - 1 PET. 2:17

INT. - RACE REL. DAY - GRAVE PROBLEM

I THE CHRISTIAN IDEAL OF BROTHERHOOD

1. ALL XIANS BROTHERS, ALL MEN POTENTIAL SONS OF GOD
2. NO DISCRIMINATION BEC. OF ECON. OR SOCIAL POSITION - OR ANYTHING ELSE
3. ONE...GREATEST...SERVANT OF ALL
- II XIAN BEHAVIOR IN COMPLICATED SITUATION
1. SEGREGATION IS POLITICAL ISSUE - XIAN BEHAVIOR IS MORAL ISSUE; CHURCH SPEAKS
2. THE SITUATION IS HERE: *fact situation, reality* A) CASTE SYSTEM BASED ON WHITE SUPREMACY B) NEGROES CHALLENGING THAT SYSTEM - FROM VARIOUS MOTIVES

- C) SOME NEGROES PREFER SECURITY
- D) SOME WHITES WITH EDUCATION, CULTURE, SENSE OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
- E) A RAPIDLY INCREASING GROUP OF EDUCATED -- AND SOME HALF EDUCATED -- NEGROES
- F) SOME WHITES WHOSE ONLY SUPERIORITY IS WHITE SKIN, CONTENT FOR STATUS QUO
- G) SOME NEGROES - AND WHITES - IMMORAL AND CRIMINAL - WHITE BEHAVIOR NOT SO GOOD THAT WE CAN SAY MUCH

III WHAT SHOULD A WHITE XIAN DO? IN LAT?

1. TREAT EVERYONE, BLACK OR WHITE, WITH RESPECT AND KINDNESS, AS FAR AS POSS.
2. HONOR THE EMPEROR (NERO) - RESPECT LAW AND GOVT. INC. SUPREME COURT - USE INFLUENCE AGAINST VIOLENCE
3. EARNESTLY SEEK THE WILL OF GOD
4. BEY DOING RIGHT, PUT TO SILENCE THE IGNORANCE OF FOOLISH MEN

## POLISH FAITH

MADE EVERY MAN...CLIMBED ON HIS WEAPONS OF WAR, AND THOUGHT IT WAS EASY TO GO UP INTO THE HILL COUNTRY."

INT - "EASY WRITING MAKES MIGHTY HARD READING"

FAITH IN OURSELVES IS FOOLISH FAITH

1. SUCCESS IS EASY - THE WORLD IS OYSTER
2. THE OPPORTUNITY WE HAVE MISSED IS STILL THERE - IRELAND HAD MISSED THEIR BIG CHANCE OF '98, - ILL GO NOW - BUT IT WAS GONE - EASY SOLD HIS BIRTHRIGHT TO SATISFY IMMEDIATE APPETITE - THEN WANTED IT BACK - TOO LATE
3. CHECKER PLAYER - THAT MOVE BEAT YOU

IF YOU CAN DO ANYTHING, MAKE ME BELIEVE

IF YOU WILL TAKE CARE OF YOUR - IN ONE

THREE TRUE, BUT OFTEN MISINTERPRETED -

IN SENSES OF OUR HABITUDES, CARELESSNESS, LAXITIES

2. DO YOU BELIEVE IN GOD, OR ONLY IN YOUR OWN POWER?
3. "MYA PARAL, OCEJ SA MIELO FORMA" - "GOD WILL FORGIVE ME - THAT'S HIS BUSINESS"
4. IT'S FAITH WE NEED AS WE FACE LIFE
5. FAITH IN GOD, HOLY, WHO DEMANDS RIGHT LIVES, WHO WILL FORGIVE AND MAKE THEM RIGHT BUT ONLY AS THEY ARE GIVEN TO HIM
6. FAITH THAT OUR LIVES, ENTRUSTED TO HIM ARE SAFE
7. FAITH THAT GOD'S WAY IS THE RIGHT WAY FOR US - THE ONLY RIGHT WAY
8. FAITH THAT WITH GOD WE CAN DO ANYTHING THAT IS RIGHT

# A CALL TO NATIONAL REPENTANCE

RESTORE US TO THYSELF, O LORD,  
THAT WE MAY BE RESTORED;  
RENEW OUR DAYS AS OF OLD."

-- LAM. 5:21

INT. - INDEPENDENCE DAY, 200 COMING UP  
I LAMENTATION, BOOK OF MOUTH

1. FIVE POEMS, FOUR ACROSTIC - AUTHOR?
2. THEME, LAMENTATION INDEED, DESTRUCTION
3. WHY ACROSTICS? WHY POETRY? ALL THEY COULD DO WAS WEEP, THE NOBLER THE WEeping THE BETTER

4. NO, THEY COULD STILL HOPE - NO WAY THEY COULD SEE FOR CHANGE, BUT STILL HOPE, BEC. THEY BELIEVED IN GOD, AND THEY COULD REPENT, RECOMMIT THSLVS TO GOD, PRAY FOR RESTORATION

II A CALL TO NATIONAL REPENTANCE

1. OUR NATION NOT DESTROYED - YET I LOSS, DISHONOR, SHAME, CONFUSION
2. MONEY, POWER, SUCCESS, LUXURY, HAVE BEEN OUR GODS, AND THEY HAVE PLAYED US FALSE
3. AMERICA, LOVE IT OR LEAVE IT! - WHAT IS AMERICA? JUST THE RICH, POWERFUL? WHAT ABOUT BLACKS, INDIANS? WHAT OF CRIMINALS, OFTEN FORCED INTO CRIME BY SURROUNDINGS?

4. UNDER PROVIDENCE OF GOD OUR FATHERS CAME TO A LAND SPARSELY INHABITED, HARDLY EXPLORED, WHICH TURNED OUT TO BE VERY RICH DO WE THINK WE ARE DESTINED BY GOD TO LIVE IN LUXURY WHILE OTHER NATIONS STARVE?

5. RECESSIONAL - WE ARE PART OF WORLD, RESPONSIBLE TO GOD, LORD OF THE WORLD
- III REPENTANCE IS FORWARD
1. RENEW...AS OF OLD BUT NEVER THE SAME
2. OUR FATHERS HAD (IMPERFECT) IDEALS OF FREEDOM - "ALL...EQUAL"(EXC. SLAVES, INDIANS)
3. REPENTANCE IS NOT TURNING BACK THE CLOCK, BUT GOING FORWARD WITH GOD

1. 1000 years ago, the first settlers came to this land. They found a land of milk and honey, a land of peace and plenty. They were amazed at the beauty of the land and the kindness of the people. They decided to stay and build a new life for themselves.

2. As time went on, the settlers began to grow more and more like the people of the land. They learned their ways and their customs. They became a part of the land and its people.

3. But then, something happened. The settlers began to turn away from the ways of the land. They started to live like the people of the world. They became greedy and selfish. They began to oppress the people of the land.

4. The people of the land saw this and were angry. They stood up to the settlers and demanded that they stop their ways. But the settlers refused. They said, "We are the people of the land. We will do as we please."

5. So the people of the land fought a war with the settlers. They won the war, but the settlers were not destroyed. They were driven away, but they came back. They were stronger than before. They had learned from their defeat. They were determined to win this time.

6. The people of the land fought another war with the settlers. They won again, but the settlers were not destroyed. They were driven away, but they came back. They were stronger than before. They had learned from their defeat. They were determined to win this time.

7. The people of the land fought a third war with the settlers. They won again, but the settlers were not destroyed. They were driven away, but they came back. They were stronger than before. They had learned from their defeat. They were determined to win this time.

8. The people of the land fought a fourth war with the settlers. They won again, but the settlers were not destroyed. They were driven away, but they came back. They were stronger than before. They had learned from their defeat. They were determined to win this time.

9. The people of the land fought a fifth war with the settlers. They won again, but the settlers were not destroyed. They were driven away, but they came back. They were stronger than before. They had learned from their defeat. They were determined to win this time.

10. The people of the land fought a sixth war with the settlers. They won again, but the settlers were not destroyed. They were driven away, but they came back. They were stronger than before. They had learned from their defeat. They were determined to win this time.

11. The people of the land fought a seventh war with the settlers. They won again, but the settlers were not destroyed. They were driven away, but they came back. They were stronger than before. They had learned from their defeat. They were determined to win this time.

12. The people of the land fought an eighth war with the settlers. They won again, but the settlers were not destroyed. They were driven away, but they came back. They were stronger than before. They had learned from their defeat. They were determined to win this time.

THE (JESUS) POURED OUT THE COINS OF THE MONEY CHANGERS, AND OVERTURNED THEIR TABLES

INT. - MONEY IN THE TEMPLE - JESUS 5:16

NOT OPPOSE THE OFFERINGS, BUT THE EXPLOITATION OF TEMPLE FOR (EXORBITANT) GAIN I MFLIHY LUERN

1. EXPRESSION USED IN NT, TITUS 1:11, RSV

2. NOTHING DIRTY ABOUT MONEY ITSELF. IT MAY BE GAINED BY DISHONESTY OR DISHONORABLE TRADE, BUT IT MAY BE USED DISHONORABLY TO BUY VOTES, SUBORN WITNESSES, PERVERT JUSTICE

3. IT MAY EVEN BE GIVEN TO CHURCH FROM UNWORTHY MOTIVES - BUT MONEY ITSELF IS PURE - CONCENTRATION OF GOD'S GIFTS AND HUMAN LABOR

II MONEY CHANGERS

1. SIMON STYLITES - FINANCIAL JOURNAL SAYS, TWO CLASSES: THOSE WHO WORK FOR MONEY, THOSE WHO LET MONEY WORK FOR THEM. YOU LITERALLY PAYS...TAKES YOUR CHOICE

2. BUT, SAYS S.S., THE FIN. JOUR. OVERLOOKS THOSE WHO LET MONEY WORK FOR GOD, HUMANITY OR CAN BE CHANGED INTO POWER FOR DOING GOD'S WORK - BUILDS CHURCHES, COLLEGES, PROPH. GOSPEL, HEALING SICK, TEACHING, ETC. GOOD TRICK IF... WE CAN DO IT, EVERY SUNDAY

III PUT IT TO USE *How can I put it to use?*

1. SILVERSMITHS OF AMER. SAY, BEST CASE YOU CAN GIVE STERLING PLATWARE IS HAND USED
2. ISN'T THAT TRUE OF OTHER SILVER, TOO?
3. WHAT WE DON'T USE, WE LOSE - PLAYING STORE, SAVING UP ACCORN CUPS, PLAY MONEY

WE SHALL BE LIKE A TREE, PLANTED BY THE RIVERS.... FRUIT.... NOT WITHERN, - PS. 1:3 INT. - LAND OF ABUNDANCE OF TREES - IN PALESTINE THEY WERE SCARCE, OUTSTANDING. I A MAN IS LIKE A TREE

1. A TREE IS LIVING ORGANISM, RECEIVING LIGHT, AIR, WATER, MINERALS, MAKING FOOD BY PHOTO-SYNTHESIS, REPRODUCING ITSELF
2. A MAN IS A LIVING BEING, SELF DETERMINING, RECEIVING FOOD AND OTHER THINGS, MAKING USE OF THEM AS HE SEES FIT
3. MADE IN IMAGE OF GOD -- ALL PLANTS ANIMALS BEAR GOD'S IMAGE, MAN MOST CLEARLY -- PERSONALITY, INDIVIDUALITY. ACC'D TO JOINED STRAINS OF HEREDITY, ENVIRONMENT, TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE

II PLANTED BY THE RIVERS OF WATER

1. THIS OF MAN "WHOSE DELIGHT....THE LORD"
2. SOME PLACES TREES MAINTAIN A PRECARIOUS EXISTENCE, SOME THEY CAN'T GROW AT ALL -- MAN MAY EXIST APART FROM GOD, OR EVEN CEASE TO BE MAN, BUT ONLY THRIVES WHEN UNITED TO GOD.

3. JESUS - VINE, BRANCHES - APART FROM ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING

III BRINGETH FORTH HIS FRUIT

1. NOT ALL TREES PRODUCE FRUIT, NOR ALL FRUIT THE SAME - OF SOME (TEA) LEAVES ARE FRUIT, SOME BARK, MANY WOOD
2. DIVERSITIES OF GIFTS; ONE SPIRIT
3. JESUS, "UNSEAR MUCH FRUIT, SO SHALL YOU BE MY DISCIPLES"

IV LEAF SHALL NOT WITHER

1. NOT A BLANKET PROMISE OF SECURITY - TREES CUT DOWN, BLOWN DOWN, DESTROYED BY FIRE OR BEASTS - BUT GOD NEVER FORGETS US

"all we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned each to his own way..." - JER. 53:6

all alien in pasture  
The thing that makes it  
tough for the shepherd is  
that the sheep go  
all different directions

As people - all  
our activities, concerns  
at different times

All our individual  
concerns make it hard

to be united in serving X  
"All men seek their own,  
not the things of X"

We need to return to him  
to see his service as more  
important than these other things.

A VISION OF GOD'S LOVE AND MERCY  
HE WILL HEAL THEIR FAITHLESSNESS, I WILL  
LOVE THEM FREELY." - HOSEA 14:4

IVT. - TWELVE "MIGR PROPHECY" - HOSEA, FIRST AND LARGEST BOOK

I HOSEA, BOOK OF THE MONTH

1. THE BOOK - 14 CHAPTERS, MOSTLY POETRY - SOME POEMS OF DRASTIC PREDICTION OF DESTRUCTION (IT DID COME) OTHERS OF A TENDERNESS OF LOVE AND MERCY RARELY EQUALLED
2. HIS MINISTRY IN ISRAEL, BUT FREQUENT REFERENCES TO JUDAH - C. 750-725 B.C.
3. NOTHING KNOWN OF PERSONAL LIFE EXCEPT HIS MARRIAGE AND HIS CHILDREN
4. THRO HIS UNQUENCHABLE LOVE FOR A WIFE PROVED UNFAITHFUL HE LEARNED OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS LOVE

5. GOD USES STRANGE INSTRUMENTS - AND WE HOPE  
GOMER LEARNED TOO WHY LOVE AND FORGIVENESS ARE  
II HOSEA'S PREACHING

1. EARLY PREACHING MUST HAVE BEEN STERN OF CONDEMNATION OF SIN - REBELLION, IDOLATRY, INTemperance, DISREGARD FOR POOR
2. NAMES OF CHILDREN - JEZREEL, LO RUHAMAH, JEZREEL - JEHU'S COUP IN 843, BLOOD BATH AT JEZREEL, RETRIBUTION, ALSO AT JEZREEL
3. JEREMOAN II, PROSPERITY, SUCCESS, LUXURY, POLITICAL INTRIGUE - TREATIES, OPEN AND SECRET RICH EXPLOITED THE POOR, FALSE, PIERCE, CRUEL
4. CULT OF BAAL WORSHIP, PROMISED PROSPERITY AND SEEMED TO BE DELIVERING IT) MADE NO MORAL DEMANDS - PEOPLE FALSE TO GOD, LIKE ADULT WIFE

- III BUT IN SPITE OF ALL, GOD LOVES, FORGIVES, HEALS
1. NOT AN EASY OUT, THEY STILL SORE PENALTY
2. BUT GOD LOVES - LO RUHAMAH, YES, HE WILL HAVE MERCY; LO AMMI, YES, THEY ARE MY PEOPLE
3. THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT GOD CEASES TO REMEMBER SIN

WHY AS OUR SIN IS GREATER





WHICH ARE...BUILT ON FOUNDATION OF APOSTLES AND PROPHETS, A JESUS...CORNERSTONE...GROWS INTO A HOLY TEMPLE...HABITATION OF GOD IN THE SPIRIT."

--LPM: 2/19-22

INT. - HOLY, CATHOLIC, (APOSTOLIC) CHURCH  
THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

1. X THE CORNERSTONE, THE HEAD OF THE BODY THE LIVING WORD, PS. WORD OF GOD WRITTEN - BIBLICALITY - X OFTEN LOST SIGHT OF - HE IS THE WORD, THE WORD, THE LOGOS - HE KNOWS LITTLE OF HIS LIFE, HIS WORDS ARE SPOKEN IN ARAMAIC, COME TO US IN GREEK, FEAR, AND ACCOUNTS NOT ALWAYS AGREED - BUT HIS PERSON STANDS OUT, HE IS LORD

2. APOSTLES - "PROPHETIC" - LITTLE ENOUGH KNOWN OF THEM, BUT THEY HAD UNIQUE AUTHORITY

3. PROPHETS, ALSO PART OF FOUNDATION - OF PROPHETS, AT ALSO - NT CHURCH NOT RECONNECTED FROM IT - *Prophets: Jackson of that time*

4. AND IS THAT ALL? MEAT OF CORPSE, AUGUSTIN LUTHER, CALVIN, ARSECEYS, MANY OTHERS, ARE THEY NOT PROPHETS TOO?

11 JOINED TOGETHER...TEMPLE...HOLY...HABITATION

1. ONLY HOLY, CATHOLIC - HOLY, NOT SEC MADE OF SINLESS BPL, BUT SEC IT IS MADE OF GOD

2. UNITY OF CHURCH - ONE BODY, UNIVERSAL, ESCHATOLOGICAL

3. UNITY REVEALED, NOT DESTROYED, BY DIVISION - THERE HAVE TO BE DIVISIONS, DEGRADATION ADVANTAGES, DISADVANTAGES, ANYWAY WE HAVE THEM, BUT STILL UNIVERSAL, STILL ONE BODY

4. COMING INTO A HOLY TEMPLE - ALWAYS CHANGING, REGENERATING, REFORMING, *Reformation: Luther, Calvin, etc.*

11 *What is the church? The church is the body of Christ, which is the community of believers.*

1. COME TO US - THEN THEN TO US - WE ARE TO BE PART OF IT - NOT JUST THERE ON

2. ONLY INTO IT, NOT JUST THERE ON

3. MEMBERSHIP IN CHURCH - SOME BECOME INACTIVE, SOME WANT TO LEAVE, SOME ARE NOT

4. CHURCH IS IMPORTANT - BUT IT IS NOT THE

## AMAZING GRACE Rd 19-21

IN THE PAST, GOD WAS PATIENT AND OVERLOOKED MEN'S SINS; BUT NOW IN THE PRESENT TIME, HE DEALS WITH MEN'S SINS, TO PROVE THAT HE PUTS MEN RIGHT WITH HIMSELF. - ROM. 3:25-26

INT. - IF FROM EVERLASTING TO EVERLASTING - THE AMAZING GRACE OF GOD

1. IN THE PAST - BEFORE THE LAW

1. WHEN MEN WERE STILL BEASTS, OR GAVE-MEN, WAS MURDER NOT WRONG? OR FALSEHOOD? OR THEFT? WAS NOT GOD GOOD, WAS HE NOT THE ONLY OBJECT OF WORSHIP AND OBEDIENCE?

2. GOD WAS PATIENT AND OVERLOOKED... WOULD IT HAVE BEEN BETTER TO STAY LIKE THAT?

3. PRINCIPLES OF THE LAW WERE ALWAYS RIGHT - TWO AGES GOD WAS PREPARING MAKING FOR THE REVELATION OF HIMSELF - FOR HIS GRACE

11 IN THE LAW GOD DEALS WITH MEN'S SINS

1. THE LAW - THE SENSE OF COVENANT RELATIONS w/ CONSEQUENT OBLIGATION - SER., WORKS, ET AL

2. NOT SOMETHING TO MAKE IT HARDER, BUT PART OF GOD'S GRACE

3. WH. GOD CONDEMNED SIN (IN THE LAW) HE IS TRYING TO MAKE IT HARDER FOR MAN TO BE PUT RIGHT WITH HIM, NOT TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE - COULD MAN BE RIGHT w/ GOD ON BASIS OF ISORANCE?

4. FOR THE HARDNESS OF YOUR HEARTS - GOD GAVE THE LAW, NOT ALL AT ONCE, BUT GRADUALLY. THE REALIST'S PLEAS FOR FELLOWSHIP, THE PROPHET'S DEMANDS FOR JUSTICE, KINDNESS, ARE PART OF IT... BUT NOW, IN THE PRESENT TIME - GOSPEL

1. HE DEALS WITH MEN'S SINS, TO PROVE...

2. THE GOSPEL IS NOT EASIER THAN THE LAW IS INFINITELY HARDER! THINK GOD, WE DON'T HAVE TO KEEP THE LAW! (22, 15, 15) *Why? Men's sins*

3. GOD IS NOT TRYING TO MAKE IT HARDER, BUT TRYING TO PUT MAN RIGHT WITH HIMSELF

4. SEC. GOD LOVES, HE DEMANDS MORE - TO MAKE MAN HIS OWN CHILDREN - NOT IF HE KEEPS IT ALL

BUT SEC. HE KNOWS GOD IS FOR HIM, TRUSTS, TO

When the Spirit of true love comes, he will guide you into all truth.

It was 22 sudden revelation, so that they understood everything. No

James before early Church

1. Is X returning right away? affirmed unanimously yes, later

2. What about church organization? reorganization

3. What about Gentiles? answered "Gentiles? No"

4. What about Jews? took a long time to settle

5. What about the Holy Spirit? "What if we have the Holy Spirit?"

6. What about the Kingdom of God? "The Kingdom of God is within you"

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MAKE LOVE YOUR AIM. -- COR. 14:1

INT. - JOHNSON'S STATEMENT - EXCELLENCE DO AMERICAN PEOPLE LOVE TOO MUCH?

1. LOVE IN SONG AND STORY - IT'S ALL YOU HEAR - ARE WE OVERLOADED WITH LOVE?

2. FILM - DISCOVERING AMERICA - ERICH FROM

3. NOT TOO MUCH - NOT ENOUGH

4. FALSE IDEAS OF LOVE:

A. AMER. CONCEPT OF SUCCESS, SECURITY, TEND TO MAKE US AUTOMATA, INCAPABLE OF LOVE

B. LOVE AS PASSIVE - "FALLING" IN LOVE - SEEKING TO BE LOVED, RATHER THAN TO LOVE

C. THINKING OF LOVE AS BARGAINING - WHAT MUST I DO TO BE LOVED? *Every day*

II WHAT IS LOVE? *Every day*

1. LOVE IS UNION OF SPIRIT W/ OTHER PERSON

2. LOVE VS. SEXUAL DESIRE

A. PHYS. UNION BET. MAN AND WOMAN, WHEN LAWFULLY JOINED MAY BE ONE EXPRESSION OF LOVE

B. CURRENT IDEA THAT MAN AND WOMAN MUST HAVE RIGHT TO SUCH UNION, IRRESPECTIVE OF ALL OTHER CONSIDERATIONS, ANARCHY, NONSENSE

3. LOVE IS RESPECT FOR OTHER PERSON, FOR SELF

4. MUTUAL RESP BET MAN AND WIFE, PARENTS & CHILDREN

5. INDIVIDUALIZATION IS NOT LOVE, NOR INDULGENCE

6. LOVE IS RESPONSIBILITY - SEEKING GOOD OF OTHER PERSON AND SELF

III MAKE LOVE YOUR AIM *Johnson's statement*

1. IN VARIOUS RELATIONS OF FAMILY LIFE

2. IN CHURCH - CORINTH, DIVISIONS, PROBLEMS

3. STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE, NEVER CONTENT WITH MEDIOCRE ATTAINMENT - IN XIAN LIFE, EXCELLENCE IS LOVE

*Love & anger*

"And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good." -- Gen. 1:31

Int. - The creation story, an affirmation of faith.

I "In the beginning, God created...."

1. Evolution vs "creationism" - letters to newspaper, "Can't believe in Ev. and be Xian"

2. Judge in Ala - Is "atheistic humanism" really a religion? Or do textbook writers, fearful of rejection, studiously avoid any mention of Supreme Being? / of religion?

3. Can "spirit" create "material things?" And how solid are material things?

4. The alternative - material things always there, life and all complex forms come about by mere chance.

5. How did God create the world? Evidence of rocks and fossils? Many questions still unanswered. Does life exist only on earth? What is the purpose of sun and stars?

6. Infinity, of time, space, a concept beyond the grasp of the human mind.

7. C. S. Lewis, "Beyond Personality"

II It is a good world

1. Full of wonder and beauty

A. marvels of life, plant, animal, human

B. Minerals, air, water

C. Color, sound, music

2. A world of laws that we can depend on

A. Gravitation, physics, math, chem.

B. "Rain on just and unjust" - God does not change these laws because we are good.

3. But also of Providence that we can depend on - Ps. 91. verified in human experience

III The Earth is the Lord's

1. We are responsible for our use of it.

2. Men on destruction of natural resources

3. Needless use of destructive things - Silent Spring, On the Beach.

4. Thoughtless God could start all over, make a new world; but let us heed warnings, appreciate the one we have, use it wisely.





## JUDGES (6:1-10)

"In those days there was no king in Israel every man did what was right in his own eyes"

-- Judges 21:25

Int. - Back of the North - Dark Ages

of Israel - Col. of old stories, moralized I. Anarchy -- but not total anarchy

1. No organized government, but still tribal leadership
  2. No king, but certain heroes (and some of them not very heroic) by personal prestige had a certain amount of authority
  3. Set judges in any proper sense
  4. Dark Ages - no reference to organized religion, except vaguest (17:13) or to law yet a recognition of some principles of law
- II One Teacher -- Trouble
1. The idealizer got it - each time, they forsook God, got in trouble, turned back to him, and he delivered them, but they never seemed to learn.
  2. People who came from Egypt were ignorant, superstitious
  3. Moses was highly educated, a real ldr., but hard to do much with such people - he must have set up some plan of education, but whoever wrote stories app. were totally unconscious of it. But after events prove III The Mills of the Gods

1. Trouble after trouble, app. no progress
2. but pressure was welding tribes into a nation - evidence in att. Benj. 21:3
3. God is working his purpose out - He was then, still is

## OWARD, CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

"HE MUST REIGN TILL HE HATH PUT ALL HIS ENEMIES UNDER HIS FEET," -- I COR. 15:25

INT. - COMMUNION - "SHOW THE LORD'S DEATH TILL HE COME" WHEN? HOW LONG? TEXT I HE SHALL REIGN

1. SOME THINK HE IS TO REIGN AFTER HIS COMING, BUT HE DOES REIGN, EVEN NOW
2. REV. 11:15 KINGDOMS OF THIS WORLD.... AND HE SHALL REIGN FOREVER
3. COL. 2:10 HIM HIM OWELS THE WHOLE FULLNESS OF DEITY BOBILY.... HEAD OF ALL RULERS AND AUTHORITY MATT. 28:18 ALL AUTHORITY
4. REV. PICTURES DESTRUCTION OF WICKED, TRIUMPH OF X OVER HIS ENEMIES

1. ALL HIS ENEMIES UNDER HIS FEET
1. WHO ARE HIS ENEMIES? PHIL. 3:18
2. SELFISHNESS, GREED, SENSUALISM, IMPENITENCE, IMPERANCE, REBELLION....
3. HOW LONG? WHEN WILL HE COME? AS LONG AS EVIL REMAINS, AS IGNORANCE ABIDES, AS THE CHURCH NEEDS TO MINISTER PEACE, HEALING
4. THE LAST ENEMY..... DEATH

1. ONCE PEOPLE THOT THAT WAS REALLY THE WAY, KILL, SUDDEN, ENFORCE ACCEPTANCE OF X
2. PICTURE IN REV. TORMENT, DESTRUCTION IS THAT REALLY GOD'S WAY? LOVE YOUR ENEMIES
3. CROSS OF JESUS GOING ON BEFORE - NOT JUST A SYMBOL, BUT FACT OF HIS DEATH - REV. 5:6, HA LAMB, AS IT HAD BEEN SLAIN
4. REAL TRIUMPH OF X IS TRIUMPH OF LOVE; AND THOSE WHO WOULD FOLLOW HIM, PARTAKE OF THIS COMMUNION, SYMBOL OF HIS DEATH - TAKE AWAY THE CROSS OF JESUS, AND FOLLOW HIM

## WE DON'T KNOW HOW TO PRAY

"The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us."

-- Rom. 8:26

Int. - Things in Rom. 8 that A. S. does makes us sons of God, gives new life, leads us, gives us hope... helps in our weakness I What Sort of Thing Ought We to Pray for?

1. Things consistent w/ reality - Hartford M.J., son of unborn child - success without effort, health while disregarding laws of effort, health while disregarding laws of effort
2. Th. consistent w/ our own growth in Chr. not evil th., nor good th. for selfish ends James, "You ask, and have not..."
3. Th. consistent w/ nature of God - "acc. to his will" How can we know what God has willed? Shall we then cease asking? No, he says, "Ask, and ye shall receive, knock..."

II But We Do Not Know How to Pray (over)

1. No bow heads, try, nothing, of course
2. What then? Book of prayers? Day by Day? Helpful, if we don't become slaves to it
3. Read SS, full of great prayers
4. Never a time to say, "This is enough"
5. Never a time to say, "It's no use, I can't ever learn to pray. Because..."

1. Dr. Young, in Mps Presbytery, expresses in special prayers what all felt, or nearly
  2. So minister, in pulpit prayers, tries to express what congregation ought to feel, ought to ask for, ought to want
  3. Or in sick room, or other crisis, tries to express what person ought to feel, ask
  4. Thus the Spirit continually helps us as we pray
- Not tonight for my people in a way*

## BABES IN CHRIST GROWING UP

WLET US LEAVE THE ELEMENTARY DOCTRINES OF X, AND GO ON TO MATURITY." -- Heb. 6:1

INT. -- Heb., a REINTERPRETATION OF GOSPEL

TO PEOPLE WHO HAD BELIEVED; UNDERSTOOD PART

1 THIS IS AN EXPERIENCE CONTINUALLY REPEATED

1. IN THE LIGHT OF SS AND EXP. OF CHURCH

2. THE REFORMATION WAS SUCH AN EXPERIENCE

KJV ONCE NEW, STRANGE, DISTRUSTED

WESTM. CONF. ALSO

3. ORIGIN OF SUNDAY SCHOOL, C. 1850

4. BEGINNING OF INT. SS LESSONS, C. 1880

5. GRADED LESSONS, C. 1910 (1916)

6. COV. LIFE CURRICULUM, 1904

III BABES IN X

1. CONVERTED, BECAME AS CHILDREN --

2. PAUL, 1 COR. 13:20, "DON'T THINK LIKE A CHILD; IN MALICE BE CHILD, BUT IN THINKING, BE MATURE."

3. EPH. 4:14, "...NO LONGER CHILDREN..."

III GROWING UP

1. "YOU OUGHT TO BE TEACHERS, AND WE HAVE

TO START ALL OVER AT THE BEGINNING."

2. YOU OUGHT TO BE TEACHERS -- HOW MANY OF

US ARE TAKING ANY SERIOUS RESPONSIBILITY

IN TEACHING? HALF THE TIME, HALF THE YEARS

ABSENT, NO SUBSTITUTE, NO LESSON PLANNING,

WE TREAT EDUCATIONAL PROG AS TRIVIAL THING

3. DR. ALBERTON'S SERMON AT SYRAC -- CALL-

ING PEOPLE TO TAKE SERIOUS THOUGHT OF NEW

THEOLOGICAL CONCEPTS -- YP CONFERENCES, NEW

CONCEPTS OF CHURCH

4. WHY BOTHER WITH NEW IDEAS, WHY NOT STICK

TO CONF. FAITH, ETC? NO STATEMENT OF FAITH

GOOD ENOUGH TO EXPRESS BEL. OF GOD TO MAN

ALL SCRIPTURE IS INSPIRED...PROFITABLE.....

INT. -- RALLY DAY NEXT SUNDAY

I INSPIRED

1. GOD BREATHED -- GOD SOMEHOW GOT THROUGH T

PROPHETS, OTHERS, MOVED THEM TO PREACH, SING.

WRITE HISTORY, POETRY, PHILOSOPHY

2. WHEN JER. (E.C.) DICTATED SERMONS, POEMS,

AND BARUCH WROTE, IT WAS BEC. GOD MOVED IN

HIS HEART, GAVE HIM CONVICTION OF TRUTH,

RESOLUTION TO COMMIT TO WRITING

3. WHEN PAUL WROTE LETTERS TO CHURCHES OR

INDIVIDUALS, DESPATCHED BY MESSENGERS.....

4. WHEN EARLY CHURCH COUNCILS, UNDER GUID-

ANCE OF H. S., DECIDED THAT THESE, NOT THOSE

SHOULD BE PART OF BIBLE, THAT TOO INSPIRATN

5. BIBLE NOT A BOOK OF MAGIC, BUT REVELATN

WHAT IS NEEDED IS READING, STUDY, NOT SUPER-

STITIOUS REVERENCE. *Spontaneously teach*

III USE OF THE SCRIPTURES

1. PROFITABLE FOR TEACHING THE FAITH EX-

PAUL'S USE IN ROM. 11 *teaching the faith*

2. CORRECTING ERROR -- AS IN 1 COR. 10:10

3. RESETTLING DIRECTION OF LIFE -- OF. PS.

119 -- "WHEREWITHAL SHALL YOUNG MAN.....

4. TRAINING IN GOOD LIVING

III READING AND STUDYING THE SCRIPTURES

1. EVEN A CLOSED BIBLE CAN GIVE TESTIMONY

MAN WHO CARRIED IN CAR, NOT TO READ *12*

2. BUT HOW MUCH BETTER IF READER CONCERN

OVER SUP. CY. DECISION -- HOW EASY TO COM-

PENSATE BY READING IT IN ROMES!

3. A PLEA FOR SERIOUS BIBLE STUDY BY ADULT

AND YOUTH

## WHY HAS THIS COME TO PASS?

"THERE WAS NO KING IN ISRAEL; EVERY MAN DID

WHAT WAS RIGHT IN HIS OWN EYES." JUDGES. 21:25

INT. -- JUDGES, BOOK OF THE MONTH

1. STORIES FROM DARK AGES OF ISRAEL

1. NO KING, NO LAW, NO GOD

2. BREAKDOWN OF LEADERSHIP -- JOSHUA'S COV-

ENANT, MOSES' LAW, FORGOTTEN

3. ALL SORTS OF TERRIBLE THINGS RECORDED --

WHAT MUST HAVE HAPPENED UNRECORDED!

4. PEOPLE SO MUCH PREOCCUPIED WITH MAKING A

LIVING, THEY FORGOT WHAT LIVING WAS FOR

5. PIONEERS IN AMERICA -- SO BUSY FIGHTING

INDIANS, SURVIVING WILDERNESS, OFTEN FORGOT

CHURCH, EDUCATION, REFINEMENTS OF CIVILIZATION

6. PEOPLE TODAY, IN MAD RUSH TO HAVE THE

GADGETS, AND KEEP UP WITH THE JONESSES:

I WORK SO HARD SIX DAYS.....

I WORK FIVE DAYS, HAVE TO GO CAMPING WEEK-

I WORK SEVEN DAYS, NO TIME FOR GOING TO CHURCH

7. MORAL DECAY, IN ISRAEL, THEN -- AND IN US

II WHY HAS THIS COME TO PASS? *Why? Why? Why?*

1. ATROCITY OF APPALLING FEROCITY COMMITTED

BY A BENJAMINITE -- OTHER TRIBES (NOT SO AMIS

REVOLTED -- BUT THRO STUBBORNNESS, BATTERED UP

2. DESTRUCTION OF A TRIBE -- NOW HAS THE CONCOM

3. WHAT IS HAPPENING AT BOGALUSA? KKK, DOWN

WITH OUR ENEMIES! ALL RIGGERS OUR ENEMIES! --

DEMONS, WE KNOW HOW TO SHOOT, BURN, TORT

4. COMPASSION FOR BENJAMIN -- WHEN WILL PEOPLE

WAKE UP?

5. AND WHAT ABOUT VIETNAM? GAME ON NAT'L SCAM

11:000 RAISED UP JUDGES

1. AND WHAT JUDGES! -- ENUD THE ASSASSIN,

DEPTAR THE DANDIT, SAMSON THE PLAYBOY

2. BUT THIS WAS ALL THEY HAD IN THE DARK AGES

-- AND GOD USED EVEN THESE TO BEHIND THE PPL,

TIME AFTER TIME, THAT THEY COULD NOT LIVE ALONG

3. AND THE SEEDS OF REVIVAL WERE THERE -- YEARS

BEFORE AT SHILON -- SAMUEL COULD HARDLY HAVE COM

OUT OF THAT CHAOS -- STILL WORKING STILL

JESUS, ...HAVING LOVED HIS OWN...LOVED THEM TO THE END."

-- JOHN 13:1

INT. - JOHN, BOOK OF THE MOUTH - HEART OF SC  
THE FOURTH GOSPEL

*It is only one that leads  
of four walking*

1. LAST OF GOSPELS, BUT ALL WE DISCOVER ABOUT  
THOUGHT STILL LATER, BUT ALL WE DISCOVER ABOUT  
LANGUAGE, CUSTOMS, REINFORCES APOSTOLICITY

2. SYNOPTICS ALMOST CERTAINLY KNOWN TO AUTHOR

3. JOHN GIVES BETTER PERSPECTIVE OF TIME OF  
JESUS' MINISTRY, EMPHASIZES MIN. IN JUDAEA;

ALMOST UNMENTIONED BY SYNOPTICS

4. EMPHASIS ON TEACHING OF JESUS *about himself*

5. JOHN WRITTEN LATE, AFTER H. C. HAS TIME TO  
BRING TO REMEMBRANCE, AND INTERPRET LIFE AND  
TEACHINGS OF JESUS, AND SIGNIF. OF INCARNATION

11 JESUS LOVED HIS OWN

1. WHO WERE THIS ONLY THE TWELVE - INC. JUDAS  
WHAT ABOUT HIS ... BROTHERS? NO PAGE BY ALL  
JUST THESE ONLY... 17:20 ALL WHO BELIEVE... USE

2. OF 17:16 - "WHILE THEY WERE... GIVEN... TO ME"

WHAT DIFFERENCE BET. BELONGING TO THE FATHER, AND  
THE SON? ALL PEOPLE BELONG TO THE FATHER BY  
CREATION, ALSO BY PURPOSE OF REDEMPTION - OF

1 PET. 3:18, NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH

1 TIM. 2:4, WHO WOULD HAVE ALL... SAVED - 6:37,  
ALL THAT THE F. GIVES... COME TO ME

COMMITMENT TO X. MAKE US HIS OWN

3. WE PRAY FOR OUR OWN, NOT DEC. WE THINK ONLY  
THEY ARE IMPORTANT, BUT DEC. WE ARE LIMITED;  
CAN PERCEIVE THEM - IN EARTHLY LIFE, JESUS WAS  
LIMITED, AS WE ARE

11F LOVED THEM TO THE END - I.E., UTTERLY

1. WASHING THE FEET - THEIR OWN PRIDE KEPT THEM  
FROM PERCEIVING LOVE - SACRAMENT

2. WHAT I GO... AFTERWARD YOU WILL UNDERSTAND  
DO A PARENT, PUNISHING A CHILD, MIGHT SAY

3. HE WHO IS BAPTIZED STILL NEEDS TO WASH HIS  
FEET - PEOPLE REDEEMED, FORGIVEN, STILL NEED TO  
BE CLEANSED; FORGIVEN AGAIN, STILL HAVE SO  
MUCH STILL TO UNDERSTAND HEREAFTER

*When he no longer demands it is paid*

... COVENANT, WHICH IS BETWEEN ME AND  
YOU, AND EVERY LIVING CREATURE OF ALL  
FLA...

18:14 - THE FLAME - GOD SET SEPARATION  
FOR IN ORDER, NOT REPARATION, BUT...

1. GOD'S CREATION, HIS REDEMPTION, HIS  
SALVATION, INCLUDE ALL THINGS.

2. GOD'S LIFE OF LIFE, IN WORLD, FORMS  
MULTIPLY... INFINITE VARIETY

3. REVEALED ADAPTATION - EVOLUTION? NO,  
NOT ONLY FINALLY GUIDED AND CONTROLLED

4. DESIGN OF CREATOR REVEALED IN REC  
OF LIFE; NOVA OF LIFE

11 FATHER'S PLAN OF LIFE - AND REDEMPTION  
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"And they came to Bethlehem in the beginning of barley harvest." -- Ruth 1:22d  
fact. - Date, back of the month - winter centuries after, ref. to old customs - not w/ historical base in Heb., but near end of FALLING

1. Scarcely credible to us, but ideal possibility in eastern lands - e.g. China
2. Same place sold, family went to Moab - why Moab? Always a friendly neighbor to Israel
3. Ten years, death, 1, 2, 3 - bitter
4. Times of famine in our lives - *signifying of suffering*

II Opportunity

1. Ruth 5:07 not so named in v. 10 - barley harvest if earlier, later, gives no luck
2. Opportunity, meager at first, grew
3. Often God opens doors of op. like straw in the desert, where there seemed nothing

III Destiny

1. Ruth came to a full, happy life - hence making new worthy career for woman, then the ONLY career
2. She became great grandmother of David, ancestress of X
3. First fruits of Gentiles (not absolutely first)

4. Bibly written in Bar's time - strict realism, B. right, in part - I'd wanted a special people - but wanted to be people, to IV BRITAIN *Don't forget that people, to IV BRITAIN*
5. Ruth, first piece of Jesse 1,00 yrs. at 2. Was severe, winter - not always winter at death, Varley harvest, Day

6. Incorporation a fact, not only at Ymas, but all thro yr. Not only when X was born - but in *happy childhood, peace, for ever*

THE BLESSING OF GOD

"Thus shall you bless the people of Israel: THIS LORD bless you and keep you..."

So shall they put MY NAME upon the people of Israel, and I will bless them." - Numbers 1:27  
Int. - Numbers, Book of Growth - Genesis, prelim. wars of conquest, assorted laws

I What Do We Mean by Blessing?  
1. Two words in OT *7777* know *7777* go straight  
Two in NT *6666* speak well *6666*, happy

Peace, 1. Happiness, prosperity, success, granted as divine favor  
2. A Prayer, an expressed wish for this

3. Bless them that curse you...  
3. Partaking of holiness of God - "and bl. sabbath day and hallowed it."

IV The Blessing of Aaron  
1. Part of his priestly duty  
2. Three-fold nature of Refreshed Trinity

a. Bless and keep - protection of Father of. Ps. 121 - The Lord is thy keeper  
b. Enlightening truth and grace - of Son of. "Grace and truth came with Jesus X"

c. Peace of Spirit - of. Ezek. "I will put my Spirit in them, and they shall live..."  
I will make a covenant of peace with the

III Put MY NAME upon the People. I will bless you  
1. The Holy Name of God - Moses, "What is your name?" All gods have names, distinguishing one from another. I AM (I) a name, and not a name - too common to use too holy...

2. The Lord - Jesus said the Father - April The Father, the Son, the Spirit - We say the Lord, the Christian, will bless  
3. Put my name on the people, partaking of ed. Not just a pious wish - partaking of ed.

4. The first element of blessing is communion - balance to him, rec. his blessing

"THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU..." - Numbers 6:22-27

197. NUMBERS, BOOK OF THE MONTH  
I BLESSING, THE FUNCTION OF THE PRIEST  
1. EMPHASIS ON THE LORD

2. PUT (MY) MY NAME UPON THEM  
3. I WILL BLESS THEM  
II THE BLESSING

- A. PRESERVATION - "UNLESS YOU AND KEEP" 1. KEEP, AS COVENANT PEOPLE
2. ISRAEL'S SAFETY ASSOCIATED WITH OBEDIENCE TO LAW AND FORMS OF WORSHIP
3. PROVIDENTIAL CARE OVER NATION AND EACH INDIVIDUAL - OF. Ps. 121

B. ILLUMINATION - MAKE HIS FACE SHINE  
1. GIVING LAW - EVEN MOSES' FACE SHONE  
2. PSALM AND PROPHECY

3. BE GRACIOUS (7777) - AMN, JOAN  
THE LAW WAS GRACE, PREACHING OF AMN TO  
4. SHINE TOO BRIGHT? WHY FACE...SEEK  
C. PEACE 5:28.50-58

1. LIFT UP HIS FACE, I.E., LOOK  
2. PEACE IS NOT MERELY ABSENCE OF STRIFE, BUT KNOWING OURSELVES TO BE IN GOD'S WAY, GOING HIS WILL

3. IN FACT, GOD'S PEOPLE HAVE SEEN BEEN FREE FROM STRIFE, BUT HAVE FOUND PEACE IN HIM. "ALL WHO WOULD LIVE GODLY SHALL SUFFER PERSECUTION"

4. THEY CAST THEIR NETS IN GALILEE  
III FORESHADOWING OF M. F. BENEVOLENCE  
1. FATHER, WHO PRESERVES; SON, WHO IS LIGHT OF WORLD, SPIRIT, COMFORTER -  
JESUS - "MY PEACE...NOT AS WORLD GIVETH



A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART  
 "...THE LORD WAS SOUGHT OUT A MAN AFTER HIS  
 OWN HEART; AND THE LORD HAS APPOINTED HIM  
 TO BE PRINCE OVER HIS PEOPLE." - 1 SAM. 13:

INT. - 11 SAMUEL, 100% OF THE MANTH - THE  
 STORY OF DAVID - WHO WROTE IT? 2024,  
 JHOSHAPHAT, REORDER, SUEVA, SECRETARY,  
 ZACK AND ADATHAR, PRIESTS - LATER REVISED  
 1 SHEPHERD TO KING

1. BEATS VERATIE ALGER TO DEATH - OBSCURE  
 FAMILY, YOUNGEST SON - GREATEST OF KINGS
2. HALL RAISING ADVENTURES, COURAGE, BUT  
 RESOLUTION, NOT AMBITION, APPARENTLY, BUT  
 ACCEPTANCE OF MANIFEST DESTINY
3. LUCKY BREAKFAST MAYBE SO, BUT THESE WERE  
 PART OF GOD'S GIFT.

11 A MAN OF MANY AND REMARKABLE GIFTS  
 1. KEEN INTELLECT, PHYSICAL STRENGTH AND  
 AGILITY, SINGING VOICE, GENIUS FOR POETRY  
 AND MUSIC, FOR MILITARY STRATEGY AND ADMIN-  
 ISTRATION -- IN COMPARISON, HULTON BECAME  
 BLIND, DEETHOVEN DEAF, MODART NEAR SIGHTED,  
 NAPOLEON SHORT, ALEXANDER ALCOHOLIC.....

2. MILITARY SUCCESSSES, TALKING AND ESTABLISH-  
 ING A CAPITAL, POETRY AND MUSIC - ANOS 015  
 111 A MAN OF GOD - *Why give him so much to do?*

1. ALL HIS ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN LICH  
 OF HIS REVERENCE FOR GOD
- A. DANCED BEFORE THE ANG
- A. SOLJATH DEFIED ARMIES OF GOD
- C. POUNED WATER ON GROUND
2. HE SOMETIMES FELL SHORT OF IDEALS, BUT  
 NEVER CEASED TO HAVE THESE IDEALS - BATH-SH
3. HUMILITY IN PRAYER - Ps. 51, PRAYER FOR  
 SICK CHILD, ACCEPTANCE OF ROYAL ESTABLISHING  
 IV THE LORD WAS SOUGHT OUT.....APPOINTED
1. HOUSE ESTABLISHED FOR EVER
2. OFTEN IN DANGER, NEVER FORGIVEN
3. HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID

# JUSTIFICATION BY FAITH

Read Rom. 8:16-31, 257, when Sunday  
 teach "...Justified by his grace as a gift  
 into the redemption in X Jesus...." to be  
 received by faith." -- 2 Jm. 3:24-25

Int. - "I'm saved by a man, boat, rope  
 1 Salvation is of God -- by Grace  
 1. Acceptance, repentance, obedience, con-  
 fession, etc. All have parts, but basically  
 it is God who saves.

2. Man is totally unable to save himself -  
 dead in trespasses and sins  
 3. Grace - undoubted, learned, favor of God  
 4. God's eternal purpose of salvation - God  
 to plan for X - incarnation, life, teaching,  
 death, resurrection

11 Justification  
 1. Justification, sanctification, adoption,  
 forgiveness, regeneration, new birth, re-  
 habilitation, all different aspects of salvation  
 2. Not exhaustive notes, but different aspects  
 and does not first justify, then adopt, then  
 regenerate, etc.

3. Justification is legal status - was stated  
 pronounced by the law of God - declared innocent  
 4. God's righteousness is applied to him  
 through faith - *Great doctrine of Reformation*

111 Faith - "Having grace, whereby..." (Ps.  
 1. Apes, got his from OT - Habakkuk, Gen.,  
 2. Not a reward of faith - faith is means  
 whereby we receive salvation

3. Faith is acting on belief - not credit!  
 yet works, act out of confessing and being  
 baptized, but confiding that God has really  
 done this for us, and accepting X as Savior  
 and Lord

4. All following it up - Ab. 101 red...  
 A f etc. of circumcision, All obeyed God, and...  
 "I say, 'I accept', but I don't want to be  
 baptized, unless I, John, church, etc. - what

FOR WE PREACH NOT OURSELVES, BUT X JESUS  
 THE LORD, AND OURSELVES YOUR SERVANTS FOR  
 CHRIST'S SAKE." *Ps. 100 about 11 COR. 4:5*

INT. - SEMINARY DAY - *Call to the Ministry*  
 1 THE MINISTRY IS NOT AN EASY JOB

1. SOME PEOPLE SAY, MORE HOUR A WEEK  
 ME FOR HAVING IT TOUGH
3. THE SONS OF MARTHA - WHAT DO SEAMEN  
 THINK ABOUT MISSIONARIES? REAL EASY?
4. "ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS SIT IN THE  
 HOUSE AND PLAY THE PIANO ALL DAY".
5. ONE REASON IT IS HARD IS THAT PEOPLE  
 RESIST APPARENT EASY LIFE X *under*

6. ANOTHER, THAT THEY MISUNDERSTAND, DON'T  
 WANT TO BE SERVED  
 11 YOUR SERVANTS - *What to expect you want to be*  
*in a family, X ~~understand~~*

1. TAKE THE BUFFET AND CUSHION THE SHOCK  
 FORCES, MAYBE LOSE JOB, EVEN LIFE?
3. TO WARN PEOPLE OF DANGER, OFTEN DIS-  
 REGARDED? TRYING TO STOP CARS ON BR. BRIDGE
4. TO COUNSEL PEOPLE IN DOUBT, TROUBLE,  
 SICKNESS, SORROW AND APPROACHING DEATH?
5. TO BE THE MOUTHPIECE OF GOD? - NOTHING  
 SO FUTILE AS A SERMON THAT MEANS NOTHING  
 TO THE PREACHER

111 FOR CHRIST'S SAKE *to please people*

1. NOT FOR REWARD - A MAN IS SUPPOSED TO  
 GET A LIVING, BUT NO MONEY IN IT
2. NOT FOR FRIENDSHIP OR PITY, TWO THESE  
 OFTEN PRESENT
3. BEQ. X LOVED US, GAVE HSLP FOR US.

LOVED ALL, WE MUST BE SERVANTS OF ALL, OF X



TOO LITTLE AND TOO LATE

"(Josiah)...TURNED TO THE LORD WITH ALL HIS HEART... STILL THE LORD DID NOT COME FROM THE PRESENCE OF HIS WRATH... W... II KINGS 23:25

INT. - II KINGS, BOOK OF THE MONTH - WRITTEN IN TIME OF DEFEAT, ALL APPARENTLY LOST  
I JOSIAH'S REVIVAL  
1. YOUNG KING, 26, FALL OF BETHLEHEM  
2. REPAIRING TEMPLE, DISCOVERY OF BOOKS  
3. TREMENDOUS HOUSE CLEANING - ORDEALMENT OF BETH-EL, AND VALLEY OF HINNOM

4. RENEWAL OF COVENANT, REINSTATEMENT OF PASSOVER  
5. IT SEEMED TO BE A GREAT REVIVAL; THEN WHY...

II WHY WAS IT TOO LITTLE?

1. JER. 34:10 JUDAH DID NOT RETURN TO THE LORD WITH WHOLE HEART, BUT ONLY IN REVERENCE.  
2. THEY PASSED LAWS, ENFORCED OUTLAWRY, BUT PEOPLE WENT ON AS BEFORE, WORSHIPING FALSE GODS, INTENT ON WEALTH, LUXURY, SENSUAL INDULGENCE  
3. HUMMING SCARED - TRYING TO FIND SOME DESPERATE MEASURE TO STAVE OFF CALAMITY  
WHY WAS IT TOO LATE? TRUE REPENTANCE  
4. AS IN AMERICA TODAY - PASS LAWS, AND THEN MILLIONS, HURT DOWN COMMUNISTS AND DESIRABLES, BUT WHY GOD WE TRUST ON PAPER MONEY AS WELL AS COINS, BUT "ONE NATION UNDER GOD" IN PLEDGE... BUT DON'T INTERFERE WITH OUR PURSUIT OF WEALTH, LUXURY, SENSUAL INDULGENCE  
WHY WAS IT TOO LATE? III

1. JUDAH, CAUGHT AS IN A VICE - EGYPT, BABYLON  
THE FIRST OF HISTORY, Rome, 410 AD  
2. U. S. TODAY - NOT LITTLE NATION IN MIDDLE BUT ONE OF THE BIG ONES - EQUALLY POWERLESS TO CHANGE INEXORABLE MARCH OF HISTORY?  
IV NEVER TOO LATE WITH GOD  
1. THE SAVING REMNANT - THOSE WHO ARE TRULY COMMITTED TO GOD, CREEDENT, FAITHFUL, ARE STILL THE PEOPLE OF HIS DESTINY - NATION MAY BE DESTROYED BUT GOD'S REMNANT WILL STILL BE ACCOMPLISHED  
2. NEW COVENANT, LAW ON HEART - INDIVIDUAL, EVEN JUST ONE, TRULY REPENTANT, TRULY COMMITTED ALWAYS SAFE IN HIS CARE

The Good Lord pardon every one who sets his heart to seek God... even though, not acc. to the sanctuary's rules of cleanliness

--II Chron. 30:18-19

INT. - II Chron., Book of the Month  
I Message of Chron. - Destruction because of Sin

1. Chr. tells history of Judah, meaning  
2. Leaves out: All Hist. of Israel, the relevant, all ref. to Elifak, Isaiah, even Jeremiah, who figured largely in K  
3. He tells of growing dangers of secular luxury and idolatry, with consequent destruction  
4. Tells of efforts of sincere men to stem the tide, which were...

II Too little and Too Late

1. Hezekiah's Revival, 220 B. C. - not mentioned in Kings, the much of H. there  
2. Josiah's in 620, told in Kings also  
3. Text fr. former - Chron., w/ emphasis on ceremonial observance, still recognize that repentance more imp. still

III What Does That Mean for Us Today?

1. Parallel bet. Judah and US - J. was not a grt. world power, we are; but same danger Judah didn't have to be grt. power, or even be independent - all they really needed was to be faithful to God  
2. Slackening of moral fiber, due to emphasis on wealth, luxury, sensuality - corruption in govt, dishonesty, disregard of oath - are we too doomed to destruction?  
3. We have revivals - build churches, give generous offerings... what sort of revival do we need? And is it already too late?  
4. True repentance, turning to God in heart

THEY DESPISED THE PLEASANT LAND, HAVING NO FAITH IN HIS PROMISES."

-- PSALM 106:24

INT. - PSALM 106 ET AL. REVIEW OF HISTORY  
I THEY DESPISED THE PLEASANT LAND

1. IT WAS A GOOD LAND, MUCH BETTER THAN  
2. THEY WANTED IT, ALL RIGHT, BUT NOT BAD ENOUGH TO STRUGGLE AND SACRIFICE FOR IT  
3. JUST AS MANY PEOPLE WANT HEAVEN, BUT ARE NOT WILLING TO GO ALL OUT FOR IT.  
4. THEY HAD NO FAITH IN GOD'S PROMISES -- WHAT HAD GOD PROMISED, ANYWAY? A LAND, TO ABRAHAM, SO THEIR FATHERS, LEADERS, SAID. HAD HE PROMISED IT, REALLY? THEY HADN'T HEARD ANY PROMISES UTTERED -- WAS IT ALL A DREAM?  
5. CONDITION -- FAITH, AND OBEDIENCE BASED ON FAITH -- PROMISES, VISION, NOT CONTRACT  
II HOW DO PEOPLE GET LAND?

1. MAKE IT -- RECLAIM FROM SEA, DESERT, SWAMP  
2. FIND IT -- DISCOVER LAND NOT OWNED, USE  
3. BUY IT -- FROM WHOM? AND HOW DID HE GET  
4. DID OUR FOREFATHERS STEAL THIS LAND FROM THE INDIANS? DID THE INDIANS OWN IT?  
5. DOES ANYONE HAVE THE RIGHT TO HOLD LAND THAT HE DOES NOT USE? OR TO SQUEEZE AND OPPRESS THOSE WHO USE IT?  
III THE HOLY LAND

1. THE CITIES ARE PART OF THE LAND, TOO  
2. NOT ALL FARMERS, BUT ALL CONCERNED WITH THE LAND -- ALL OWN IT, IN A SENSE  
3. TREAT IT WITH LOVE, RESPECT, GOD'S GIFT  
4. WE HAVE NO RIGHT TO POLLUTE, USE FOR EVIL  
5. HAVE FAITH IN HIS PROMISES -- KINGDOM OF GOD, ALL HANKING TO KNOW AND OBEY, PEACE

Love, how often... forgive!... Seventy times seven. --Matt. 18:21-22

Int. - Continuation - Last Sun. Love your neighbor - today, forgive I Never Cry over spilt milk

1. Milk, money, opportunity lost -- gone, no use crying or worrying about it
2. A sin committed, turn to God in repentance, accept his forgiveness, forget it. No use torturing ourselves with sins past
3. So a wrong done to us, it's done, we can't undo it (least of all by retaliation no point in holding bitterness about it -- besides what that bitterness can do to us

If God's forgiveness and ours

1. God forgives us freely when we come to him in faith and repentance -- once for all and over and over

2. Parable of the debtor - how ridiculous to accept such forgiveness from God, and refuse to extend it to those who wrong us!

3. "As we forgive our debtors... Jesus has meant that we have to EARN forgiveness by practicing it? Or that we may lose it by failing to practice it? Impossible if we are already fully and eternally forgiven

4. Perhaps it is impossible truly to accept God's forgiveness without forgiving, phs we are mistaken in thinking we have accepted, or in thinking we can't forgive

Will Forgive and Forget

1. Can we forgive one who doesn't want forgiveness, who persists in enmity, evil? We can extend it, as God offers to all men, and many reject - so far as WE'RE concerned
2. Not mere molests, as if it didn't matter
3. Can we forget? Maybe not entirely

FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT  
AND THEY WERE ALL FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND BEGAN TO SPEAK...  
-- Acts 2:4  
WAS FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT... PSALMS, HYMNS, SONGS  
-- Eph. 5:18-19

1st. PENTECOST AND THE PENTECOSTALS  
THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD

1. DOCTRINE OF THE TRINITY - TRANSCENDENT THAT STAYED IN HUMAN LANGUAGE, ONLY SORT OF LANGUAGE WE HAVE - WE CAN'T EXPLAIN, BUT THIS IS THE WAY THE CHURCH DECIDED TO EXPRESS IT
2. PROCEEDING FROM FATHER AND SON - IN INCARNATION, GOD AND MAN ARE JOINED. IN GIVING THE SPIRIT, GOD, JOINED TO MAN, COMES INTO HUMAN HEARTS. SORT OF NEW INCARNATION, THIS TIME GOD IN US.
3. THIS MAKES US GOD'S OWN CHILDREN, NOT JUST HIS CREATURES. WHEN WE SAY, 'OUR FATHER', IT IS THE SPIRIT BEARING WITNESS... CHILD OF GOD
4. GIVEN TO THE CHURCH, NOT JUST TO INDIVIDUALS
5. THAT'S WHAT MAKES IT THE CHURCH, THE BODY OF A

11 GIFTS OF THE SPIRIT

1. GIFT OF 3., BAPTIZED W/ 8., FILLED W/ SPIRIT - DIFF EXPR. OF SAME THING
2. SPIRITUAL GIFTS - SPECIAL ABILITIES AND CALLS TO SPECIAL SERVICE, RESULTING FROM PRES. OF SPIRIT IN INDIV. AND CHURCH - GIFTS OF USING, UNDERSTANDING OF GOD, PREACHING, ADMINISTRATION, HEALING, SPEAKING WITH TONGUES, ETC.
3. ESP., CALLS TO THE MINISTRY OR OTHER SPECIAL SERVICE

4. THESE COME, NOT ARBITRARILY, BUT THRO PRAYING, SEEKING, EFFORT, STUDY, PRACTICE

5. MAY BE SUDDEN AS LIGHTNING, OR GRADUAL GROWING IN CONSCIENCE - "I WAS WALKING IN GROUP OF MINISTERS, AND ALL AT ONCE I KNEW..."

1. WE ARE WE FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT
2. AND WE CAN SAY, 'JESUS IS LORD' BUT BY SON
3. THE PLEASURE OF OUR IMMORTALITY - Eph. 1:14
4. FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT - LOVE, JOY, PEACE... WE NEVER AGAIN LIVE PENTECOST, BUT PRAY,

THE FULLNESS OF GOD

OPEN YOUR MOUTH WIDE, AND I WILL FILL YOUR MOUTH WITH WISDOM

INT. - ON A FAST DAY? THE PSALMIST WAS PROMISING FOOD, HE WAS PROMISING...

1. THE FULLNESS OF GOD (Eph. 3:14-19)

1. PAUL'S PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH - WE PRAY FOR THE CHURCH, THE BODY OF CHRIST, OURSELVES, PART 1. NOT WITH OTHERS... SPIRIT IN THE INNER MAN WE PRAY FOR 'OUTPOURING OF SPIRIT' - NOT STRATEGICAL, SPIRIT WITH DIVERSE GIFTS AND MANIFESTATIONS, THE VERY DIFFERENCES ARE MANIFESTATIONS OF SPIRIT
3. "KINDLE YOUR HEARTS BY FAITH 1:5, IN ORDER OF THE SPIRIT"
4. "POWER" IS ANNOUNCED IN LOVE - GOD IS LOVE - CAROL ANN 250, FATHER, SON OR SPIRIT, WE CAN FEEL LOVE
5. POWER TO COMPREHEND THE HEIGHTS OF WHAT IS UP TO US OF 3., OF WHICH WE ARE PART
6. "KINDLE YOUR HEARTS BY FAITH 1:5, IN ORDER OF THE SPIRIT"
11. THIS IS ESSENTIAL IS A GROWTH IN GRACE

1. BUT GROWTH MUST BE OF THE WHOLE BODY - IF THE THUMB OUTGROW THE HAND, WHAT A MESS!

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IF THE GIFTS AND THE CALL OF GOD ARE IRREVOCABLE."

— ROM. 11:29

INT. - READING REVIEW OF ETHICS BOOK BY HELMUT THIELECKE, CHANGING SERMON

I. GIFTS AND CALL OF GOD TO ISRAEL  
1. PAUL'S INTERPRETATION OF GOD'S DEALING WITH ISRAEL - ESAU AND JACOB - IF **JUST** HAD TO BE THAT WAY - IS GOD UNJUST? WHO ARE WE TO PASS JUDGMENT ON GOD?

2. THEIR DISOBEDIENCE OUR SALVATION - OF JUDAS - "IT MUST NEEDS BE...OFFENSES"

3. WHAT ABOUT ISRAEL TODAY? MEETING AT SPRINGHILL AVE. TEMPLE - ISRAEL CALLED TO BE ISRAEL". *For us, meeting in Temple in Memphis. But today, Temple of our own.*

II. GRACE AS GIFT AND TASK  
1. GOD'S FORGIVENESS TO THE UTTERLY UNDESERVING - LO AMMI - PEOPLE HAD SINNED, REMELLED TO POINT THAT THEY COULDN'T BE GOD'S PEOPLE ANY MORE - BUT THEY STILL WERE!

2. NOT OF WORKS - NOT IN VIEW OF ANYTHING MAN HAS DONE OR MAY DO - A GIFT, OUTRIGHT, FREE, SPONTANEOUS

3. BUT ALSO A TASK - A CALL TO BE A REDEEMED PEOPLE (PERSON) OBEIDENT TO GOD'S LAW, NOT BY COMPUSSION, BUT WILLINGLY

III. RESECECH YOU THEREFORE....."

III. IRREVOCABLE

1. THE IDEA THAT MAN CAN BUY HIS WAY IN IS RIDICULOUS

2. EQUALLY R. IS IDEA THAT MAN CAN UGETH SALVATION, THEN DO WHAT HE PLEASES

3. IRREVOCABLE - GOD DOESN'T DO SOMETHING SUBJECT TO MAN'S UNDOING - YET NOT COM-

PULSION - "I.....WILLING.....FREE" *freedom*

4. IF WE SAY, "PARTY.....ROUGH.....WHEN EITHER WE FIND DOOR LOCKED, OR WAKE UP TO FIND WE WERE NOT IN THE PARTY

II. DO NOT PRAY THAT THOU SHOULDEST MAKE THEM OUT OF THE WORLD, BUT THAT THOU SHOULDEST KEEP THEM FROM (THE) EVIL (ONE)."

*Letter of Paul to the Romans*

INT. - *Letter of Paul to the Romans* JOHN 17:15

WITNESS

IN THE WORLD.

I. CHRIST AND THE FAITHS OF MEN

1. HISTORIC FAITHS - BUDDHISM, ISLAM, JUDAISM, CONFUCIANISM, ETC. - MUCH OF GOOD IN EACH ONE.

2. DR. STREET'S ADDRESS ON SYNCRETISM - NOT HERE JUST AS GOOD AS ANOTHER; BUT WE CAN RECOGNIZE THE GOOD IN ANY OR ALL OF THEM

3. OUR WITNESS IS NOT TO CONDEMN OR DESTROY OTHER FAITHS; BUT TO PROCLAIM JESUS CHRIST

4. OTHER FAITHS - MATERIALISM, SCIENTISM, COMMUNISM, AMERICANISM

5. STILL OTHERS: MILITARISM, PACIFISM, RACISM

6. "SYNCRETISM WITH THOSE OTHER FAITHS" II WE DO, INEVITABLY, LIVE IN THE WORLD

1. WE MAY SAY, "CITY IS A ROTTEN HOLE. (NY A WICKED CITY) LET GOD DESTROY IT - ALL BUT ME"

2. BUT WHERE CAN WE GO, OUT OF THE WORLD? SINCE WE'LL NEVER BE SEPARATED GROUP LIKE AMISH?

3. SO WAS CORINTH A WICKED CITY, BUT GOD'S VISION TO PAUL WAS, "I HAVE MUCH PEOPLE....."

II. AS THOU HAST SENT ME.....SENT THEM

1. JESUS DIDN'T WRAP UP HIS HOLINESS TO PROTECT IT; HE WENT INTO THE WORLD - TO BAD PEOPLE, GOOD PEOPLE, FRIENDS, ENEMIES, PEOPLE

2. GOD SENDS US, AS HE SENT JESUS - TO BE LIKE HIM, NOT IN PROTECTED HOLINESS, BUT IN LOVE TO PEOPLE

3. NOT JUST TO "SAVE SOULS" IN DISREGARD OF SOCIAL, PHYSICAL, ECONOMIC NEEDS, BUT TO BEAL WITNESS THAT GOD CARES ABOUT THEM - BY GAMING ABOUT THEM OURSELVES

4. KEEP THEM FROM EVIL - NOW? "THE THAT SAVE HIS LIFE SHALL LOSE IT" - GIVE OURSELVES, AS JESUS DID, TRUST GOD TO PROTECT

OTHER RELIGIONS AND GREAT COMMISSION

"What therefore you worship as unknown, what I declare unto you." -- Acts 17:23  
Int. "Gather idol made of hand..."  
I Paul was shocked (V 16) at city full of idols

1. BUT HE DIDN'T TREAT THEM WITH CONTEMPT - HE FOUND AMONG THEM A GLIMMERING OF MEN'S groping after God.

2. WE'VE A STORY TO TELL... AND IF SOME PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY HEARD, OR DREAMED, A LITTLE OF IT, SO MUCH THE BETTER

3. MUCH OF GOOD ETHICS, PERSONAL PURITY, EARNEST DEVOTION IN OTHER RELIGIONS E.G. JAWS' ENDUREANCE OF PERSECUTIONS

Moslems' missionary zeal  
Buddhists' self denial

Confucians' family life and obedience

II. THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT ONE RELIGION IS AS GOOD AS ANOTHER

1. ATTITUDE OF NON-XYENS TO GOSPEL DIFFERENT  
Hindus - One more god? Sure, why not?

Moslems - fanatical opposition

2. Paul, "We preach X crucified - unto Jews (and Moslems) an offense, and unto Greeks (and materialists) foolishness, but to those who are called, X, the power of God and the wisdom of God."

III. Our job is not to Destroy, but to Make X Known

1. Not for US to say who is saved

2. Thank God for all Godlikeness that comes from anywhere at all

3. Proclaim that God, in love for the world has revealed himself in X, who died and was raised for us and all who will receive di-